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ンダルを描いた「ソールド・
班との死を賭けた知恵比べ
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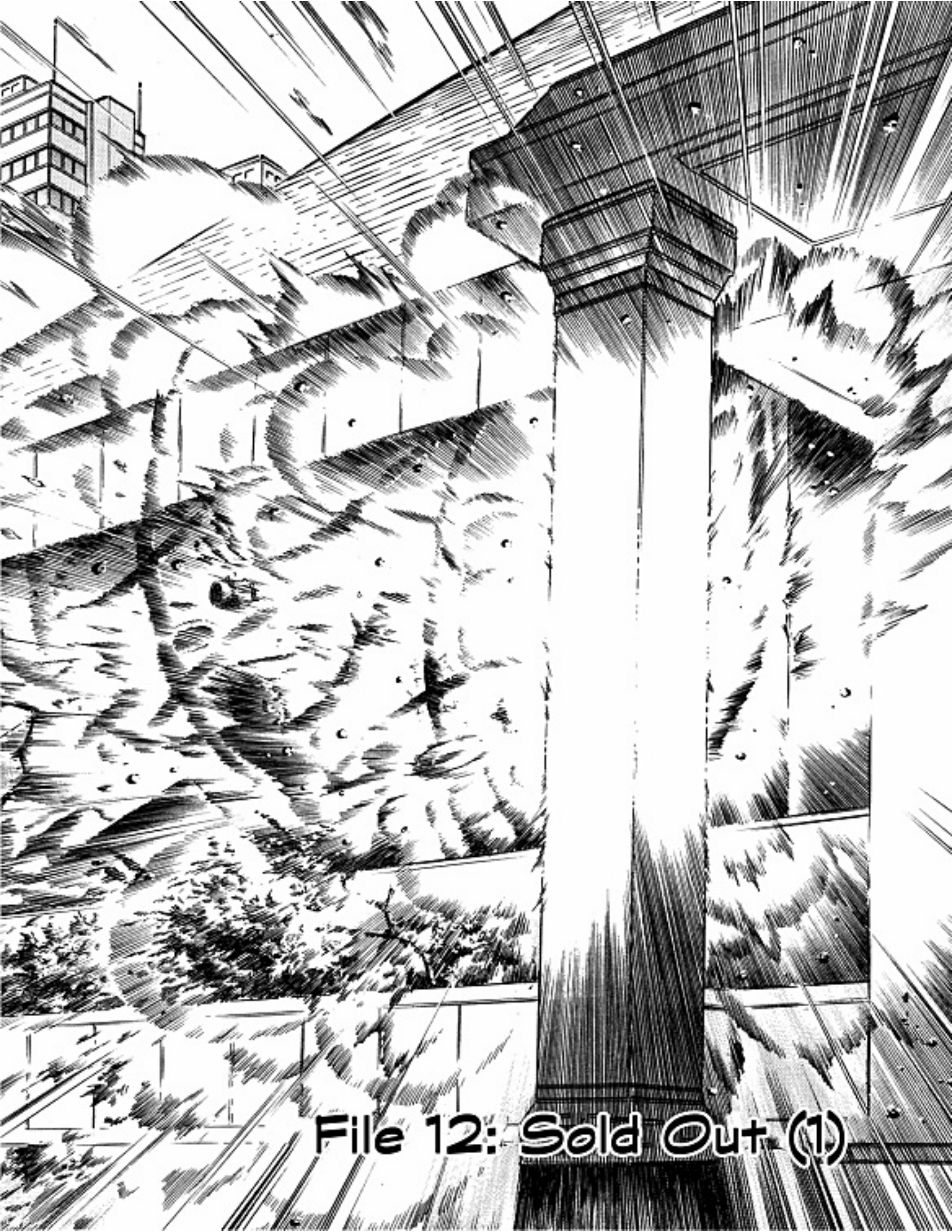

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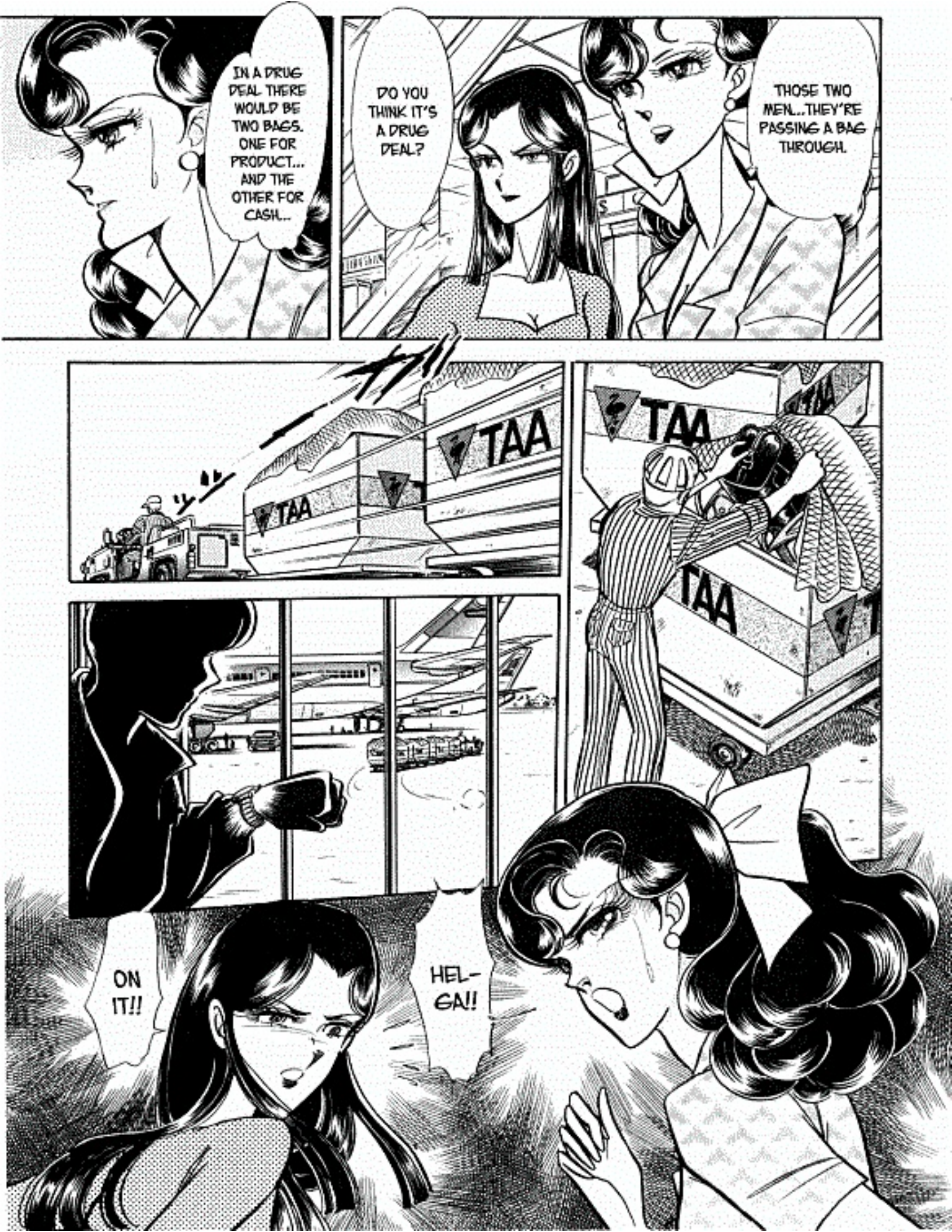
S-SOME-ONE... C-CALL... AN AMBU-LANCE...
ピピピピピピピピ
Today at approximately one o'clock there was an explosion in a family restaurant in Jersey City. It appears to have been a terrorist act.
Sixteen were killed in the disaster, among whom were children, and forty-three were injured.
MOTHER-FUCK-ER...
A man who had left a bag was seen leaving the restaurant immedi-ately before the blast...

HAVE WE GOTTEN ANY CLAIMS OF RESPONSI-BILITY?
CHRIS!!
SO FAR JUST FROM DDT AND CCR.
THEY BOTH BASICALLY JUST SAY "I DID IT AND SERVES YOU RIGHT."
JUST ASSHOLES FANNING THE FLAME, HUH?
NOTHING BUT PRANK CALLS...
ANYWAY THAT RESTAURANT PROBABLY WASN'T THEIR REAL TARGET. FOR SURE...WE'LL BE GETTING ANOTHER BOMB THREAT.
UNTIL THEN ROUND UP ALL THE USUAL SUSPECTS.
INSPECTOR MAX, THE STATION CHIEF IS CALLING.
...BINGO ...
DETAIN ANYONE YOU CAN.
CHARGE THE GUYS WITH BEING TRANNIES AND THE GIRLS WITH BEING WHORES.

GOT IT!?
WHILE THE CHIEF AND I ARE GETTING CHEWED OUT BY THE MAYOR, I WANT THE SLAMMER FILLED TO BUSTING.
STRANGE...
I MAY BE GERMAN, BUT I ALWAYS RELAX WHEN I GET BACK HERE.
I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
AHHH. FINALLY BACK TO THE U.S. AFTER TWO WEEKS ABROAD.

BUT THEY ALL FEEL THE SAME WAY.
ALL THE OTHERS ARE FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES,
IT'S NOT THAT I NO LONGER FEEL JAPANESE.
IT'S JUST THAT I RELAX WHEN I'M HERE.
WE'RE A FAMILY.
AND THIS IS OUR HOME...
Then by all means go military by yourself...
I SUPPOSE MILITARY TRANSPORT WOULD HAVE RUN ON TIME. THIS IS WHAT WE GET FOR GOING COMMERCIAL.
BUT... COMMERCIAL IS MUCH NICER... THEY EVEN SERVE TEA.
COMMANDER!!
THEY SAY OUR CONNECTION TO D.C. IS DELAYED THIRTY MINUTES.
OH DEAR

I'M GOING TO LET THE OFFICE KNOW.
YOU GUYS GO GET TEA OR SOME-THING.
OKAY
?
WHAT IS IT? DO YOU SEE SOMETHING INTEREST-ING?


IN A DRUG DEAL THERE WOULD BE TWO BAGS. ONE FOR PRODUCT... AND THE OTHER FOR CASH...
DO YOU THINK IT'S A DRUG DEAL?
THOSE TWO MEN...THEY'RE PASSING A BAG THROUGH.
TAA
TAA
TAA
TAA
ON IT!!
HEL-GA!!

!!
HEH!?
LIN!!
IRENE!! WITH ME!!
CONTACT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND GET THEM TO SUSPEND LOADING LUGGAGE!!
JAAA!!
AN EXPLO-SIVE!?
WE HAVEN'T DETERMINED IF IT'S A HIJACKING OR A TERMINAL EXPLOSION
BUT...IT HAS THE STENCH OF TERRORISM
3F CONTROL
PROBA-BLY
I'M GOING TO BAGGAGE CLAIM!!
AH... HEY!!
THIS IS A RE-STRICTED AREA!!

There!!
IT'S A BLACK VINYL LEATHER BAG ABOUT 50 BY 30 BY 20.
R- REALLY? EXPLOSIVE?
SHH!!
UNITED
393
KLM

DIVIDE UP AND SEARCH.
WE DON'T HAVE PROOF IT'S AN EXPLOSIVE...BUT MY HUNCH...ISN'T WRONG...
IF WE SENT OUT A BROADCAST FOR EVERYONE TO STOP...
DO YOU WANT PANIC?
14:55

14:56
THE TIMER IS PROBABLY SET FOR THREE O'CLOCK...
SWEET-HEART... TIMMY...
AN AIR-PORT...AN EXPLO-SION... HORRIBLE MEMORIES.
KYAHHH

MAMA
WAIT JUST A LITTLE LONGER...
CAN'T WE GO NOW?
OH...
EH?
AH...UM, THAT BAG.
AH...NO, IT'S MINE.
I'D BETTER LIFT IT BACK ON TO THE BELT.
THEN HE JUST LEFT IT THERE...WHAT A PAIN.
JUST NOW...THE GUY NEXT TO ME TOOK IT BY MIS-TAKE.

I WAS CARELESS. I WAS ONLY LOOKING AT THE BAGS ON THE CONVEYOR.
HOW RUDE...!!
KYAHH!!
A SIMPLE TIMER...BUT... THERE'S NO TIME TO DIFFUSE IT.
AND...IT'S TOO LATE TO ESCAPE!!

COM-
MAN-
DER!!
KYAHH!!
WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING!
GET
OFF AT
ONCE!!
Hyehh
WAWA!!

COM-
MAN-
DER!!

WAHH!!
Wahh Wahh
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あ
TSK!!

A FEMALE?
A BABE!
THEIR COMMANDER... IS QUITE A BABE.
THEY WERE RETURNING FROM A MISSION SOMEWHERE AND HAPPENED TO BE WAITING AT THE AIRPORT FOR A CONNECTING FLIGHT.
CAT?
AHH...I'VE HEARD OF IT. THEY'RE ANTI-TERRORIST COMMANDOS, RIGHT?
STOP IT... I DON'T HIT ON CHICKS WHILE I'M ON DUTY.
I GUESS YOU GOT ALL THEIR ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS, HUH.
NOT JUST THE COMMANDER. ALL THE AGENTS ARE GIRLS. AND A BUNCH OF THEM ARE BABES TOO.
THEY WERE THE ONES AT THE AIRPORT TERRORIST EXPLOSION?
HMM... CAT... HUH
Asshole, are you making fun of the police...?
DUMBASS!! YOU NEED THAT INFO FOR THE INVESTIGATION, DON'TCHA!!

SHE'S A PRO.
THEN IMMEDIATELY CHECKED THE LICENSE NUMBER... AND JUDGED IT WAS AN EXPLOSIVE WITHIN SECONDS...
SHE RECOGNIZED THAT SOMETHING WAS STRANGE WHEN SHE SAW THEM PASSING THE BAG THROUGH THE FENCE.
AHH...THE VAN THEY SAW IS REGISTERED IN CALIFORNIA AND REPORTED AS STOLEN.
CHRIS...
ARE THEY EXPENSIVE?
FOR A WHOLE NIGHT? OR BY THE HOUR?
THIS SITUATION... MAY BE TOO MUCH FOR THE IDIOTS ON THE LOCAL FORCE...
IT'S JOKE!! A JOKE!!
ohhh... no...

AT LEAST THREE CHILDREN ARE DEAD.
WHAT... WAS THAT!?
YOU SAID IT WOULD JUST MAKE A LOT OF NOISE!!
AND NOW THE AIR-PORT.
DON'T YOU HAVE TO USE LOTS OF POWDER? KU KU KU...
TO MAKE A BIG BANG
AW-FUL!!
IT'S THE PRICE OF REVOLUTION. IT'S MORE OR LESS UNAVOIDA-BLE.
AND ANYWAY ...

...OW...
!
I'M OUT...
THE REST OF YOU DO WHAT-EVER YOU LIKE.
I TOLD YOU THERE WAS NO GETTIN' OFF THIS BUS I BELIEVE.
YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE END OF THE LINE.
UH...
YOU WANT REVENGE FOR YOUR BROTHER, RIGHT? DIANE

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File 12: Sold Out (2)

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COMMANDER ROSEBANK, DIVISION M!!
PLEASE COME TO THE OPERATIONS CENTER AT ONCE.

ARE YOU ALREADY FINISHED, COMMAND-ER?
HUH?

I HOPE IT ISN'T A JOB. WE JUST GOT BACK FROM AN OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT.
WHAT COULD IT BE?
THERE WAS AN ANNOUNCE-MENT CALL-ING ME TO OPSCEN.

SURELY NOT. ACCORDING TO REGULATIONS, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GET TWO WEEKS OFF AFTER AN OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT.

THROW YOURSELVES INTO IT.
OH...IF YOU WORK AT IT YOU CAN GET IT ALL DONE IN FOUR DAYS. YOU CAN SLEEP THE OTHER TEN.
EVEN ON OUR TIME OFF...WE STILL HAVE TO WORK OUT.
JUST THE TARGET PRACTICE AND FITNESS TRAINING ROUTINES WILL KILL FOUR DAYS.
RIGHT, RIGHT. SAY, LIN!! HOW 'BOUT A BUCK FOR TEN POINTS!!
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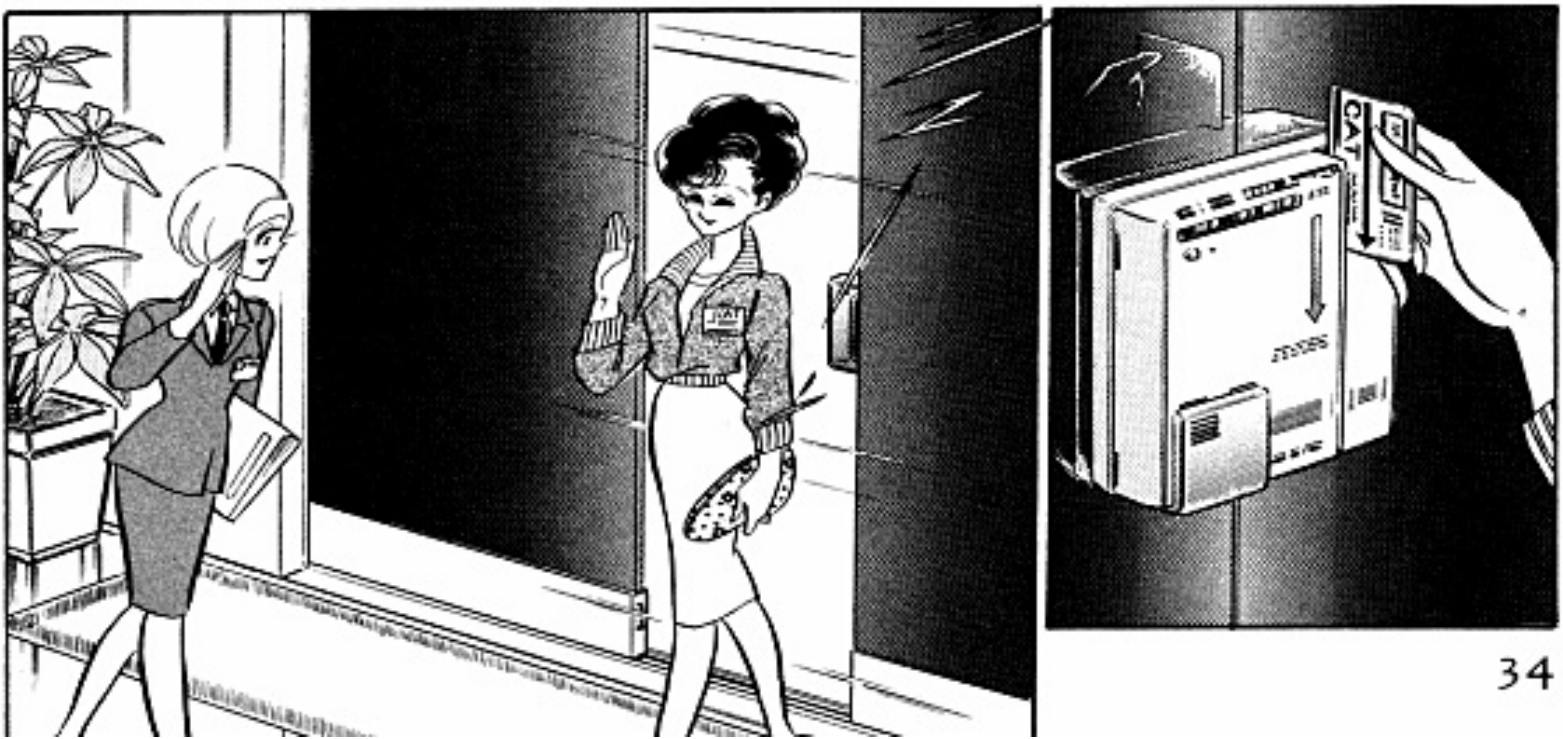


A CUS-TOMER?
YES
APPAR-ENTLY... IT'S A CUSTOM-ER...
I'm sorry- He told me to get you here right away...
I'M RESPOND-ING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT. IS THE COLONEL HERE?
ROSEBANK. I'M COMING IN.
Let her in, please.
COMMANDER ROSEBANK HAS ARRIVED.
CAT

WELL... WHAT IS IT...?
EXCUSE ME!!
PLEASE, SIT DOWN.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE INTER-RUPTED YOUR TRAINING.
NICE TO MEET YOU MISS ROSEBANK
I AM MARIKO ROSEBANK. IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, MISTER CONNER
FIRST SOME INTRODUC-TIONS.
THIS IS INSPECTOR MAX CONNER OF THE JERSEY CITY POLICE.
HOW d'YOU DO
I BELIEVE I SUBMITTED A REPORT TO OUR RECORDS DE-PARTMENT WITH A SEPARATE SEC-TION ABOUT THE EXPLOSION?
INDEED.
HE IS NOT HERE AS PART OF THAT INVESTIGATION. HE DELIVERED PER-SONALLY A LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE MAYOR.
HE'S INVESTIGATING THE TERRORIST EXPLOSION YOUR TEAM WAS CAUGHT UP IN AT THE AIRPORT.

HE SAYS THEY WOULD BE HONORED.
AND... THERE IS A PARTY NEXT WEEK TO CELEBRATE THEIR NEW TOWN HALL.
THEY WOULD LIKE YOU TO COME...
I APPRECIATE THE MAYOR'S KIND WORDS.
BUT THAT'S REALLY THE ONLY THANKS I NEED...
.....
IF THAT'S ALL, I'LL GET BACK TO MY TRAINING.
SURE... SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU.
AH... UM
AS FOR THE INCIDENT AT THE AIRPORT, AS A MEMBER OF CAT, I CAN'T IMAGINE RESPONDING ANY OTHER WAY...

SHE IS DECLINING THE MAYOR'S INVITATION...
I BELIEVE YOU UNDERSTOOD, MR. CONNER.
JUST A MINUTE ...
AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO NAIL DOWN THE BUDGET.
I'M WONDERING IF I MIGHT GET A TOUR AROUND CAT.
BUT SINCE I'M HERE...
UNDERSTOOD. I'LL COMMUNICATE THAT BACK TO THE MAYOR.
HUH...
YOU SHOULD THINK OF OUR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS BEING THE SAME AS FOR A PRIVATE COMPANY.
ALTHOUGH WE ARE TECHNICALLY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE PENTAGON,
CAT'S OFFICIAL NAME IS "COUNTER-ATTACK TERRORISM TACTICAL ORGANIZATION."

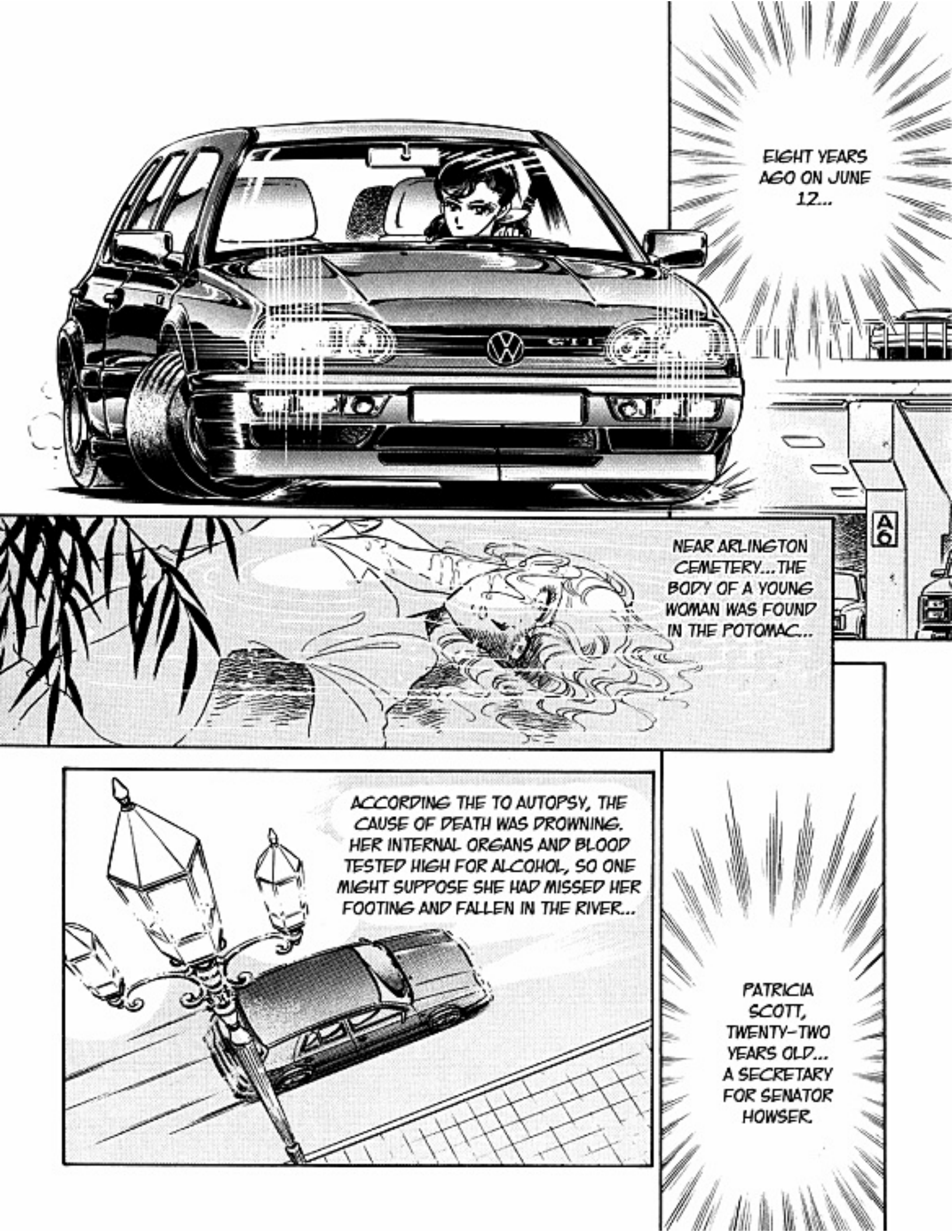
cough cough
WE HANDLE INVESTIGATION, SURVEILLANCE, OPERATIONS, AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT.
WE GO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WE GET AN APPEAL FOR A COUNTER-TERRORIST OPERATION.
I MEAN...TO SAY WHO WE'D LIKE TO HAVE COME...
I THINK SO.
CAT
IS IT POSSIBLE TO DESIGNATE?
HUH?
CAT
AS QUOTED... IN OTHER WORDS...
COSTS VARY DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE MISSION, ITS SCOPE, AND THE NUMBER OF DAYS OUR AGENTS WILL BE IN THE FIELD.
OUR AGENTS ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE LATEST WEAPONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS...
.....
IN MOST CASES, OUR HOME OFFICE ANALYZES THE REQUEST AND THE PAST EXPERIENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR VARIOUS TEAMS AND DISPATCHES THE MOST APPROPRIATE.
we consider quality, cost, and speed...of highest importance
These days, rather than a good luck charm...

HAVING BEEN HIT BY TWO TERRORIST BOMBS IN ONE DAY, THEY PROBABLY...
OH...
THE INSPECTOR FROM JERSEY CITY.
SAMANTHA IS GIVING A SALES TOUR. WHO IS THAT GUY?
MARIE
AND THREE OF THEM... WERE CHILDREN.
SOMEHOW WE MANAGED TO PREVENT SERIOUS HARM AT THE AIRPORT, BUT IN THE CITY AT THE FAMILY RESTAURANT SIXTEEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED.
Heyyyy!! Little Bunnies
MORE THAN EVER ...
I SEE... YOU'RE HEALTHY...
Th- That's sexual harassment, old fart...
grope
grope

WE HAD TO FIGHT OFF GORILLAS AND CHIMPANZEES... SHEESH...
OH...WE'RE JUST BACK FROM TWO MONTHS IN THE JUNGLE.
But it went well enough...
Yech... enough of this guy
lol
I HOPE ALL YOUR AGENTS ARE DOING WELL!!
YOU SEEM HEALTHY AS EVER YOURSELF, COMMANDER ARNOLD!
AHHH!! STOMP HARDER.
LET'S SCRAM.
IT WAS TOUGH.
THE CHICKS WERE ALL UGLY... BAM!!
THE FOOD SUCKED ...BAM!!
I DIDN'T CARE FOR THE PRESIDENT... BAM!!
THE DAY WE ENCOUNTERED THE GUERRILLAS WAS PRETTY WILD.
!
ISN'T THAT MAD MAX?
SAY...
!!
ALL MY AGENTS ARE BONEHEADS... ONLY FIVE OF THEM...

I MET HIM ONCE.
I WOULDN'T SAY I KNOW HIM, BUT WHEN I WAS IN THE SECRET SERVICE...
HE LOOKS A LITTLE GAUNT... BUT IT'S MAX ALRIGHT.
DO YOU KNOW HIM?
SO...HE WAS IN THE SECRET SERVICE?
HE WAS AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE FBI
NO...
IT MUST BE...THAT INCIDENT...
UH-HUH...
FBI AGENTS ARE THE ELITE OF THE ELITE...
BUT...NOW HE SAYS HE'S A POLICE INSPECTOR IN JERSEY CITY...

OHHH NOOOO
BUT IT IN RETURN YOU GOTTA LET ME TASTE THESE PUPPIES...
WELL...IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW I'LL TELL YOU...
THAT INCI-DENT ...?
CAT
INTERPOS-ING JUSTICE AGAINST THE CESSPOOL OF CORRUPTION AND INTRIGUE,
LOVE WAS TRAGI-CALLY CRUSHED.
WOAH
LIKE A TELEVI-SION DRAMA.
HIS LOVER WAS KILLED TRYING TO UNCOVER HOW POLITICIANS WERE TAN-GLED UP WITH THE MOB?
No re-spect for women.
HE'S A LECH, THAT ONE.
AHH...THAT OLD FART...
BUT IT WAS OLD MAN ARNOLD TELLING IT, SO HE PROBABLY HAMMED IT UP.
Truer words...


EIGHT YEARS AGO ON JUNE 12...
NEAR ARLINGTON CEMETERY...THE BODY OF A YOUNG WOMAN WAS FOUND IN THE POTOMAC...
ACCORDING THE TO AUTOPSY, THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS DROWNING. HER INTERNAL ORGANS AND BLOOD TESTED HIGH FOR ALCOHOL, SO ONE MIGHT SUPPOSE SHE HAD MISSED HER FOOTING AND FALLEN IN THE RIVER...
PATRICIA SCOTT, TWENTY-TWO YEARS OLD... A SECRETARY FOR SENATOR HOWSER.

ONE AFTER ANOTHER, THE NAMES OF FAMOUS POLITICIANS CAME OUT AND SHOOK THE POLITICAL WORLD.
ON JUNE 15...THE FBI INDICTED EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON CORRUPTION CHARGES, INCLUDING SENATOR HOWSER.
!!
THE DECIDING FACTOR FOR THE INDICTMENTS WAS A TOP-SECRET DOCUMENT SURREPTITIOUSLY RECEIVED BY THE FBI...
I WAS...ABOUT TEN YEARS OLD WHEN THE HOWSER SCANDAL HAPPENED...

IN-SPECTOR CONNER..!
GOOD EVE-NING MISS ROSE-BANK
YOU'VE GOT A NICE PLACE HERE.
WHAT IS IT?

...DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS WITH ME?
THEY MUST COMPENSATE YOU WELL FOR THE DANGEROUS WORK YOU DO.
THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT.
DO YOU HAVE A VCR?
?
OH... UH-HUH

OKAY!
TURN!!
..

OKAY, GOOD WORK!
FOR TOMORROW'S WORKOUTS WE'LL SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS.
THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE WRITE YOUR TIME PREFERENCES IN THE NOTEBOOK.
FOUR O'CLOCK... OR NINE O'CLOCK...
I HAVE TO WORK AT FOUR SO THAT'S OUT.
THE NINE O'CLOCK GOES TO ELEVEN
DIANE... WHAT ARE YOU DOING TOMOR-ROW?
ELEVEN IS AFTER THE LAST BUS...
WON'T YOUR BOYFRIEND COME GET YOU IN HIS CAR?
AND THEN... HAVE ANOTHER WORKOUT IN BED? NO THANKS...
AH... DIANE
I THINK I'LL PASS ON TOMORROW AND COME NEXT WEEK.

I HEARD YOU WON AN AUDITION.
YOU'RE GONNA BE IN THE SHOW CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE NEW TOWN HALL, RIGHT?
BREAK A LEG!!
AH HA...
COME SEE IT!! I'M SURE I'LL FALL OFF THE STAGE.
GET IN

...THANKS ...
CON-GRATS
SO YOU WON AN AUDITION AS A SHOW MODEL?
AND THE DESIGNER IS FIRST CLASS...
THEY SAY IT'S THE SOURCE OF THE JERSEY BRAND...
IT'S A JAPANESE DESIGNER... BUT THESE WILL BE FACTORY CLOTHES.
WE'LL HAVE TO SET OFF SOME FIREWORKS TO CELEBRATE.
YOU'VE MADE THE BIG TIME MODELING WORLD.
THAT'S GREAT...
ED...

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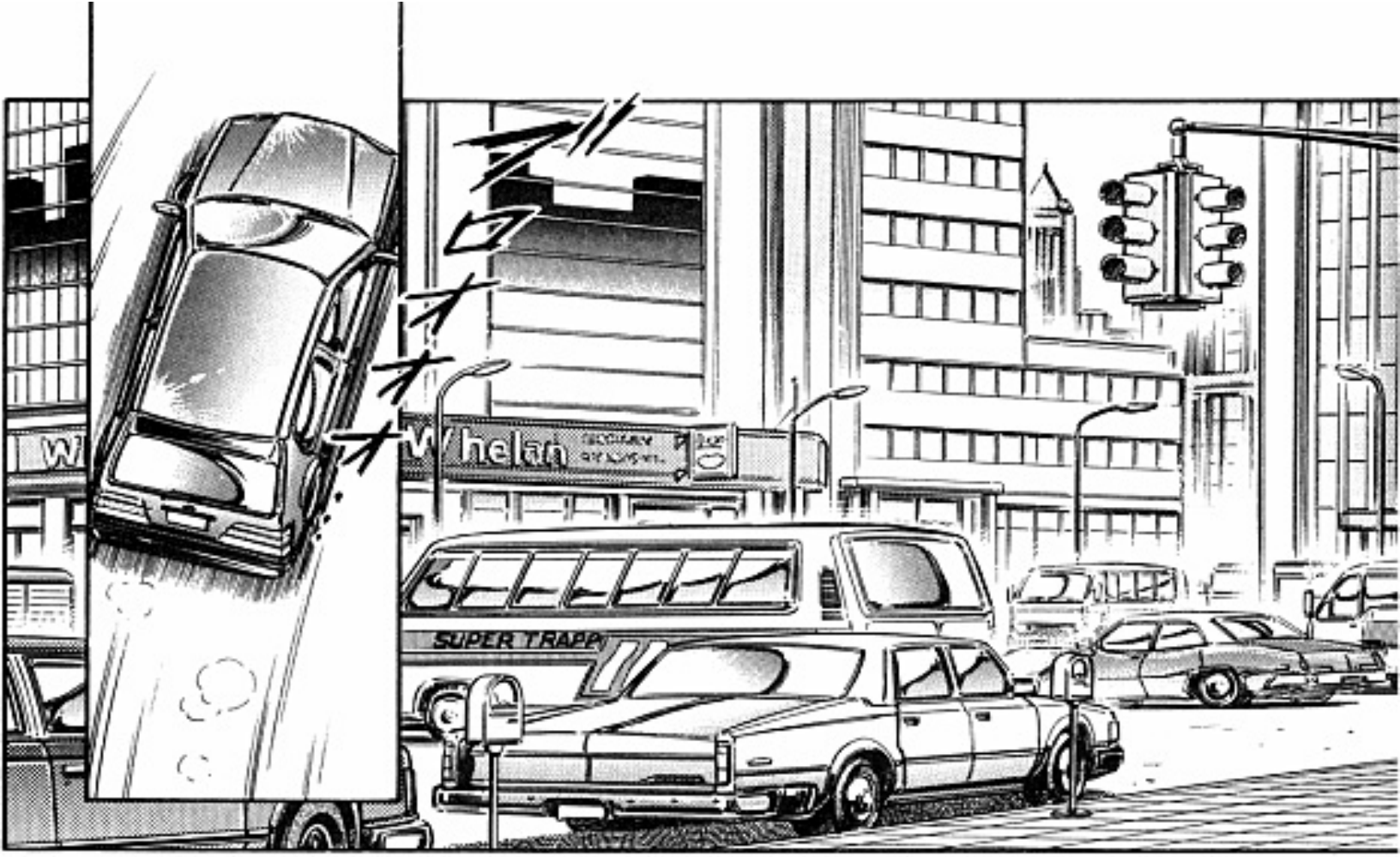
File 12: Sold Out (3)

THANKS
WOULD YOU LIKE MORE COFFEE?
AND THEY WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THEY'D PROBABLY BE RECORDED BY A SECURITY CAMERA.
DISGUISE IS A COMMON TACTIC OF TERRORISTS.
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THEY WOULD CHOOSE A PLACE FULL OF PEOPLE TO SET OFF A BOMB.
THE SKELETAL STRUCTURE IS DIFFERENT.
MEN WALK FROM THEIR SHOULDERS DOWN, BUT WOMEN WALK FROM THEIR HIPS.
HOW SHE WALKS
SO...HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT'S A FEMALE...
Bolo Club

INTUITION ISN'T ANY USE UNLESS IT'S A COMBINATION OF PRACTICAL THEORY AND EXPERIENCE.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE USING INTUITION, BUT YOU'RE BASING IT ON A REAL THEORY.
I BEG YOUR PARDON.
MY INTUITION IS THAT YOU ARE A DANGEROUS MAN.
IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT INTU-ITION,
BUT...
WELL...
...OHH...
PLEASE LEAVE NOW, MR. CONNER.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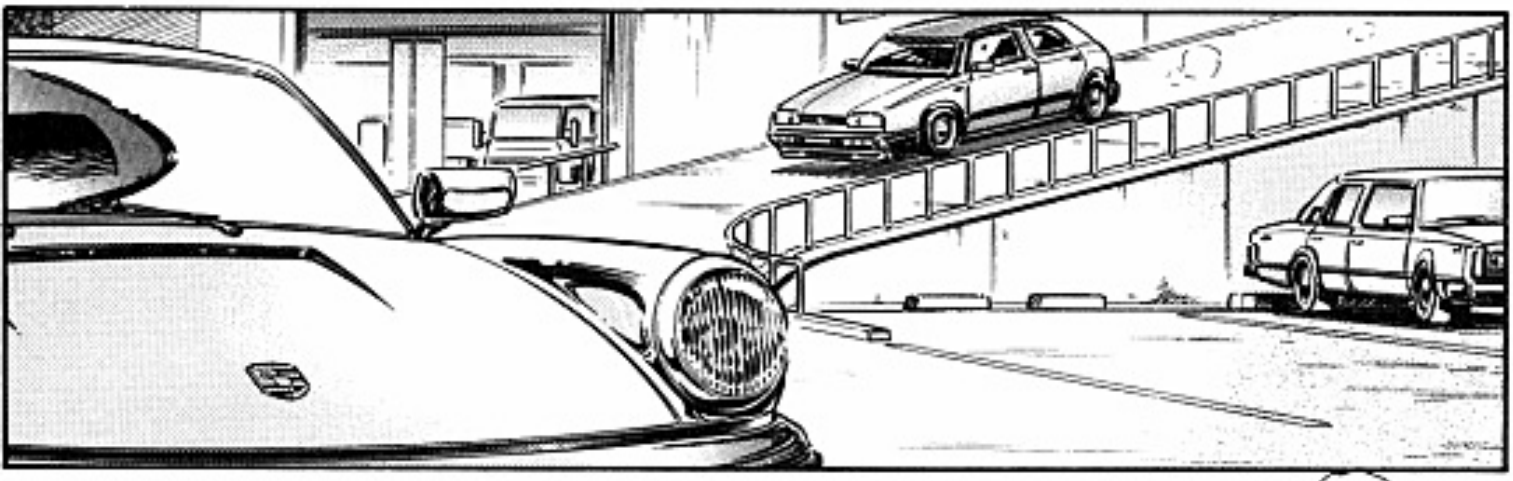
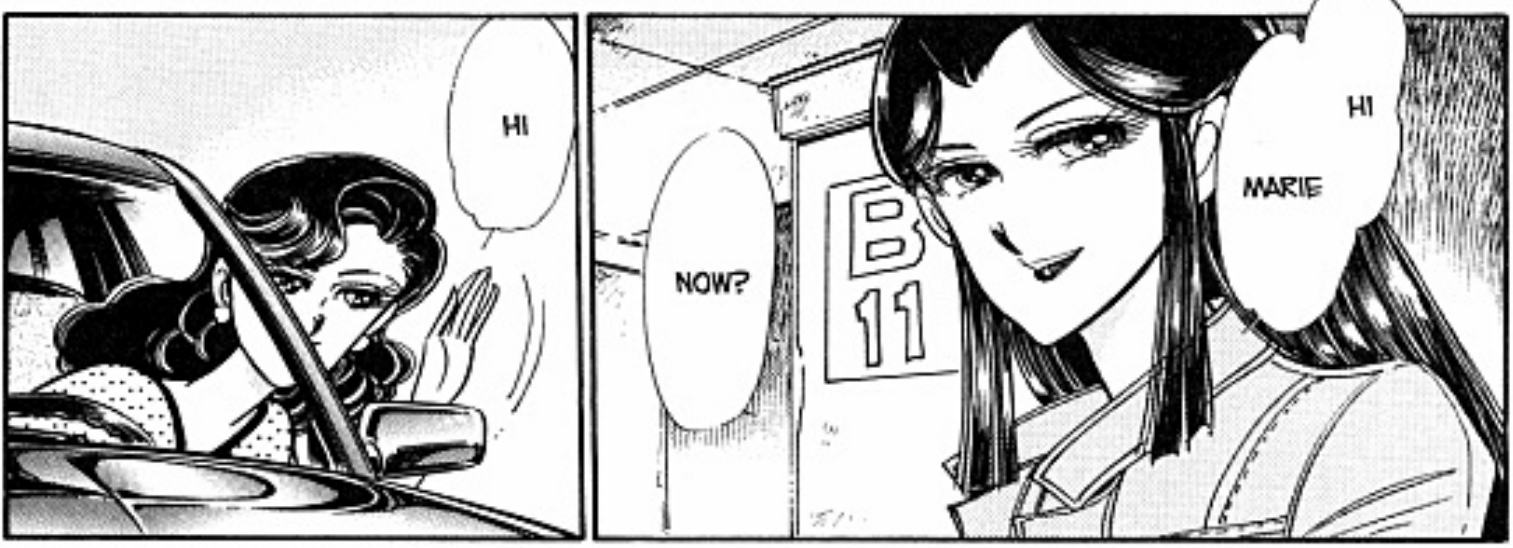
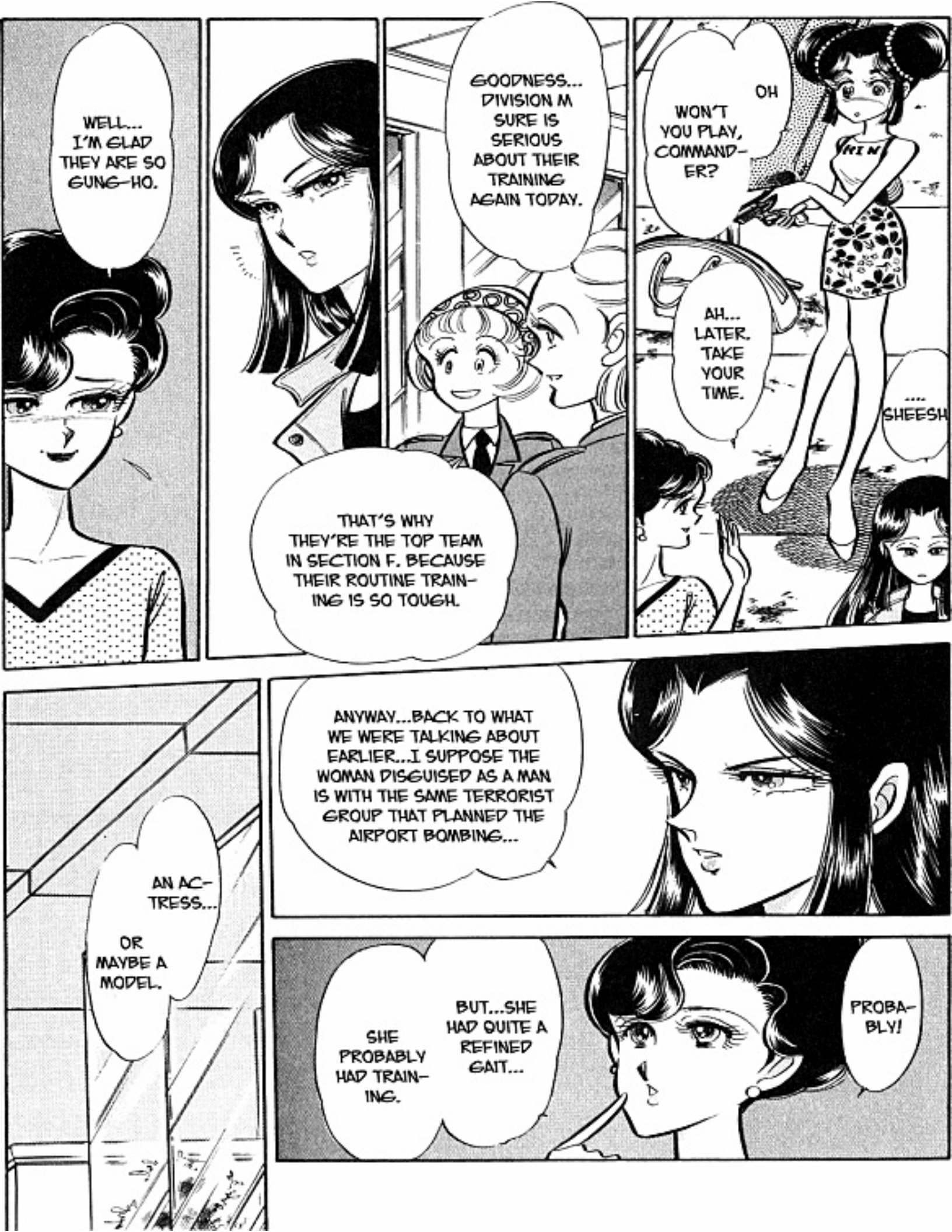



HI
NOW?
B 11
HI
MARIE

Shooting Range
THAT TAKES THE CAKE ...!!
HE MAY BE A COP, BUT TO GO RIGHT INTO YOUR ROOM...
UH-HUH, PERHAPS I WAS A BIT IMPRUDENT...
DANG
HE HAS THE SMELL OF A TERRORIST... RIGHT?
I CAN'T TELL WHAT HE'S THINKING...
HELGA...
FROM THE GLANCE I GOT AT HIM YESTERDAY... THAT'S WHAT I FELT.
EH...UH-HUH. ACTUALLY, YESTERDAY WHEN I MET HIM IN THE COLONEL'S OFFICE...
AH! COM-MAND-ER!!
GREET-INGS
HI HELGA

IRENE... WHAT'S THAT?
DON'T YOU GUYS HATE TARGET PRACTICE?
SHEESH... WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE TOURNAMENT BRACKETS.
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE A HUNDRED PRACTICE SHOTS EACH. SO AT A BUCK A SHOT, THE STAKES IS A HUNDRED BUCKS.
YOU GUYS... STILL...
THERE... DONE!
I SUD-DENLY CAME TO LIKE IT.
YESTERDAY LIN WAS THE TOP SCORER, SHE GOT ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED BUCKS.
COME ON!! I'M READY TO START ANY TIME.
LIN
.....

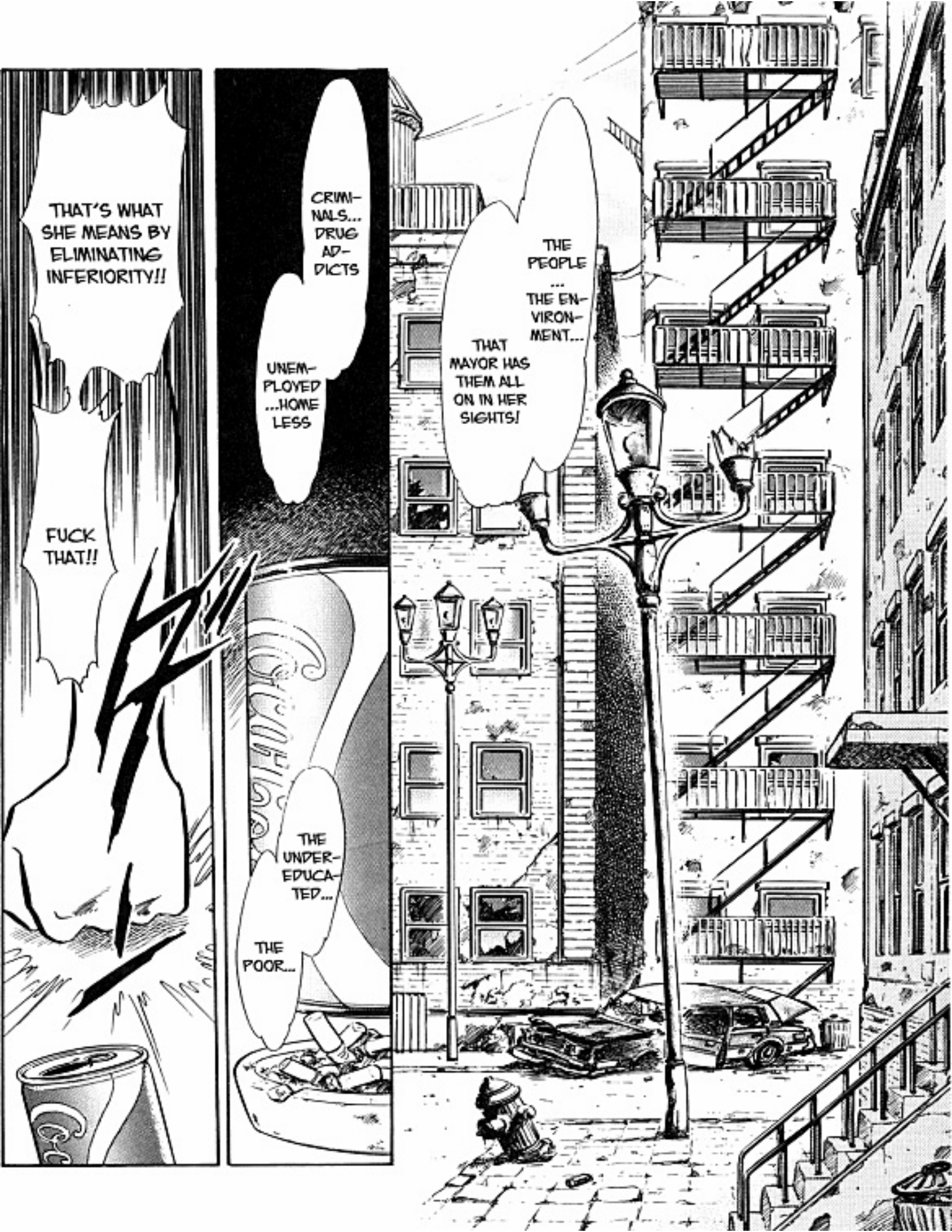

WELL... I'M GLAD THEY ARE SO GUNG-HO.
GOODNESS... DIVISION M SURE IS SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR TRAINING AGAIN TODAY.
THAT'S WHY THEY'RE THE TOP TEAM IN SECTION F. BECAUSE THEIR ROUTINE TRAINING IS SO TOUGH.
OH WON'T YOU PLAY, COMMANDER?
AH... LATER. TAKE YOUR TIME.
.... SHEESH
ANYWAY...BACK TO WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER...I SUPPOSE THE WOMAN DISGUISED AS A MAN IS WITH THE SAME TERRORIST GROUP THAT PLANNED THE AIRPORT BOMBING...
AN ACTRESS... OR MAYBE A MODEL.
SHE PROBABLY HAD TRAINING.
BUT...SHE HAD QUITE A REFINED GAIT...
PROBABLY!

I'M WITH THE JERSEY TIMES. I'D LIKE TO ASK MAYOR SPENCER ABOUT THE THIRD SET OF CIVIC REFORMS YOU ANNOUNCED AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING THE OTHER DAY.
MISS PRETTY REPORTER
OR YOU CAN MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH ME TO DISCUSS IT.
THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.
MAYOR!!

WHAT'S MY SCHEDULE AFTER THREE THIS AFTERNOON?
MISS MARCY
FROM THREE TO FOUR YOU HAVE AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
AFTER THAT, AT FIVE THIRTY YOU ADDRESS A CHARITY FOR FAMINE RELIEF IN AFRICA AT THE CIVIC CENTER.
AT SIX-TWENTY YOU ARE GUEST AT THE BANQUET OF THE IMPORT & EXPORT ASSOCIATION.
FINE
GET ME THE CHIEF OF POLICE ON THE PHONE.
AH... YES

THE POLICE CHIEF IS ON THE PHONE.
CHIEF?
IT'S HANNA.
I WOULD LIKE AN UPDATE ON THE SERIES OF TERRORIST BOMBINGS.
UH-HUH...
HAVE YOU GOT A MAKE ON THE SUSPECTS?
OH...
YOU SEEM TO BE MINCING WORDS.
THE CITY COUNCIL'S VIEW IS THAT THAT IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO ARREST SUSPECTS BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK,

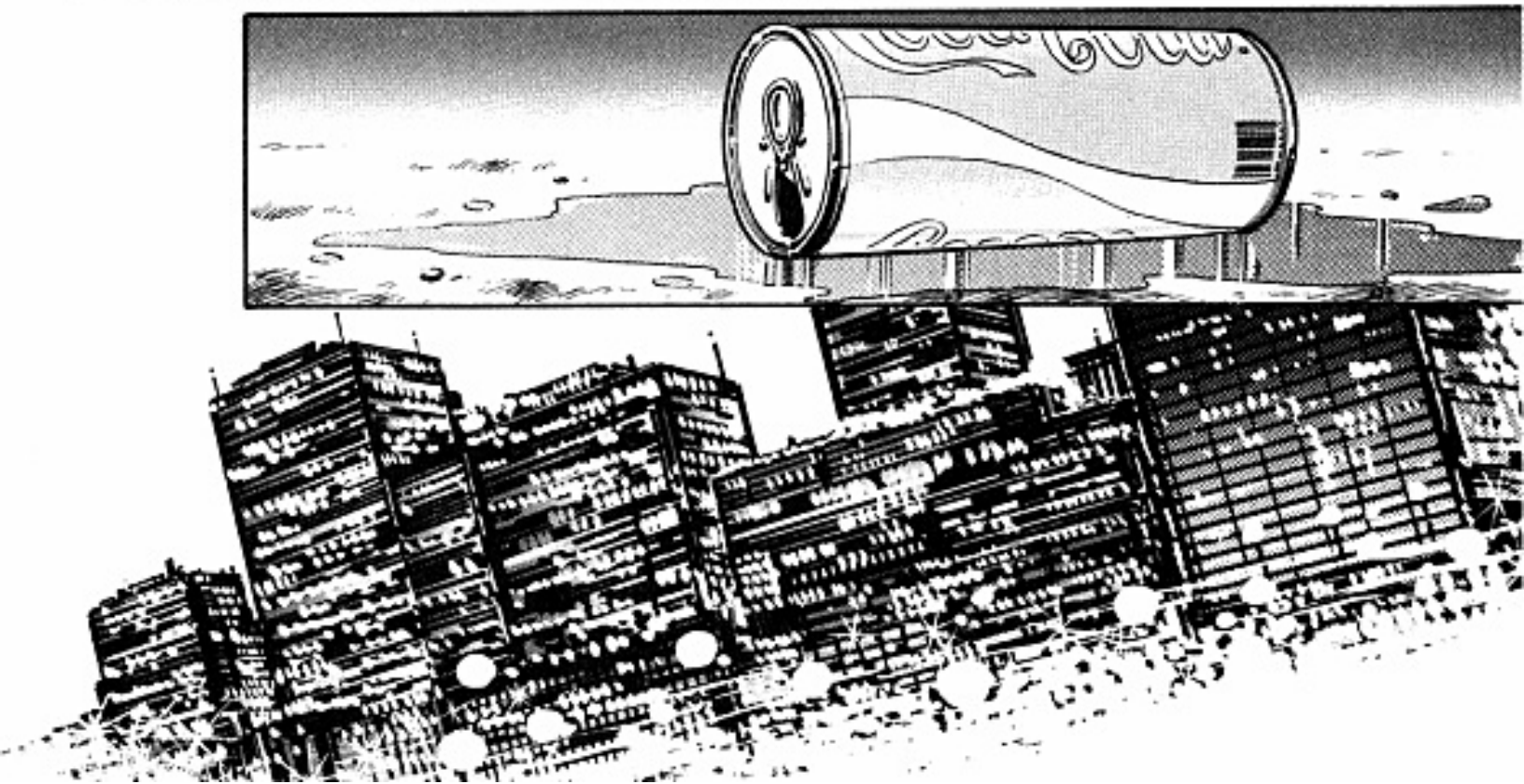
THIS TOWN HAS NO USE FOR INCOMPETENTS.
I MEAN TO ELIMINATE... ANYTHING INFERIOR OR UNNECESSARY.
THIS TOWN WILL APPROACH THE IDEAL.
THAT'S ALL
I HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR YOU.
THEY MAY HAVE TO FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR YOU.
I REALLY...DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO WRITE SUCH A PAINFUL LETTER OF DISMISSAL...
IT WILL BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL... AND ORDERLY TOWN IN THE STATES.
THAT IS MY MISSION.


THAT'S WHAT SHE MEANS BY ELIMINATING INFERIORITY!!
FUCK THAT!!
CRIMI-NALS... DRUG AD-DICTS
UNEM-PLOYED ...HOME LESS
THE UNDER-EDUCA-TED...
THE POOR...
THE PEOPLE ... THE EN-VIRON-MENT...
THAT MAYOR HAS THEM ALL ON IN HER SIGHTS!

ED!!
YOU'VE SAID IT A HUNDRED TIMES. WE'VE ALL EXPERIENCED IT FOR OURSELVES.
ENOUGH
PEOPLE...
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ACTION ...
IT MAY LOOK CALM...BUT THIS ROTTEN TOWN IS NO DIFFERENT THAN SODOM.
WE WILL SEND A FLOOD TO PURIFY IT.
THE APPOINTED DAY IS THE FIFTEENTH!! WE WILL BLOW UP THE NEW TOWN HALL!!
!!
ED!!

I BELIEVE I SAID OUR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS THAT BITCH...THE MAYOR.
THE WOUND CAN'T HEAL UNTIL YOU GET ALL THE PUS OUT, DIANE.

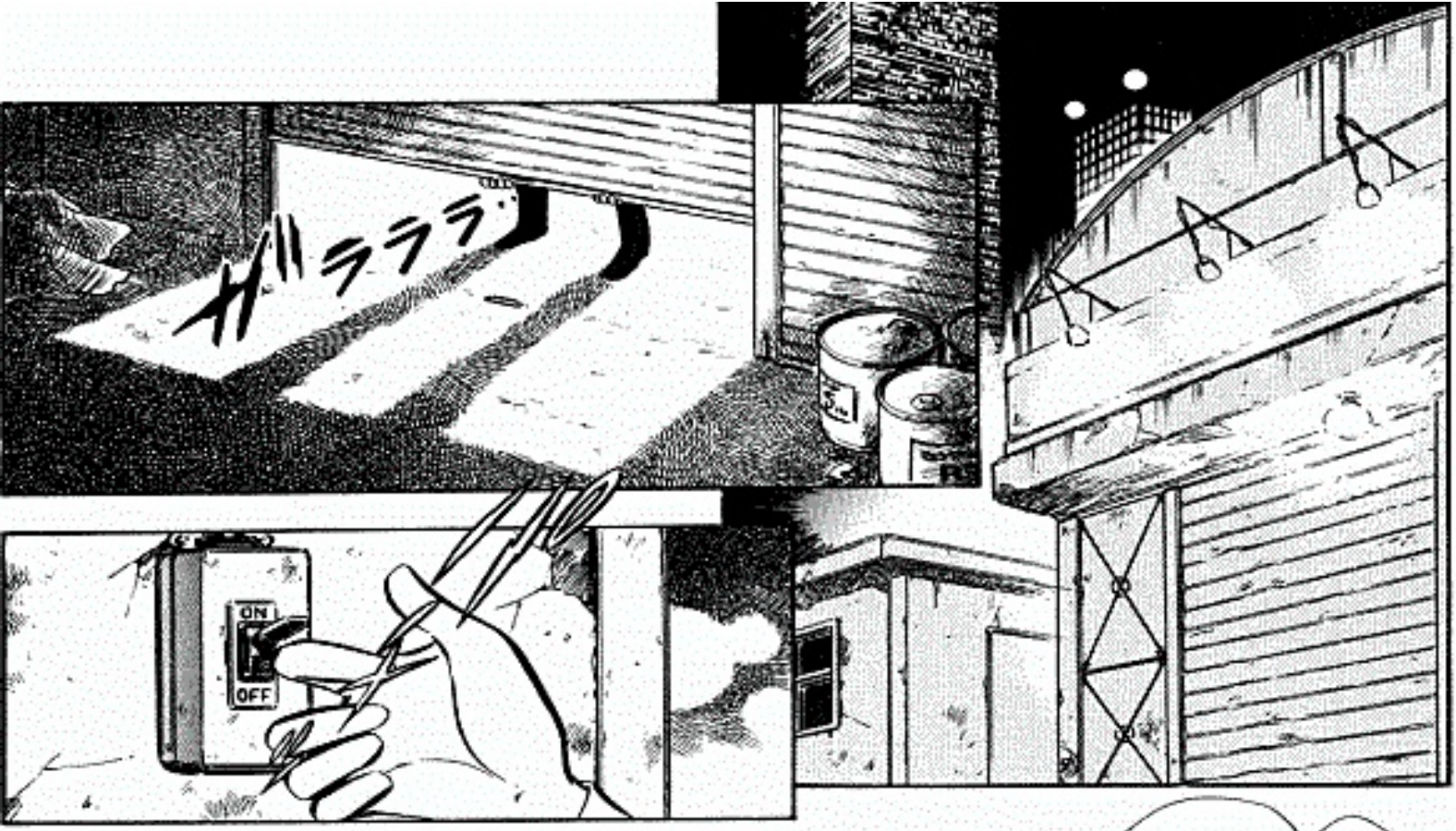
ED...
YOU...

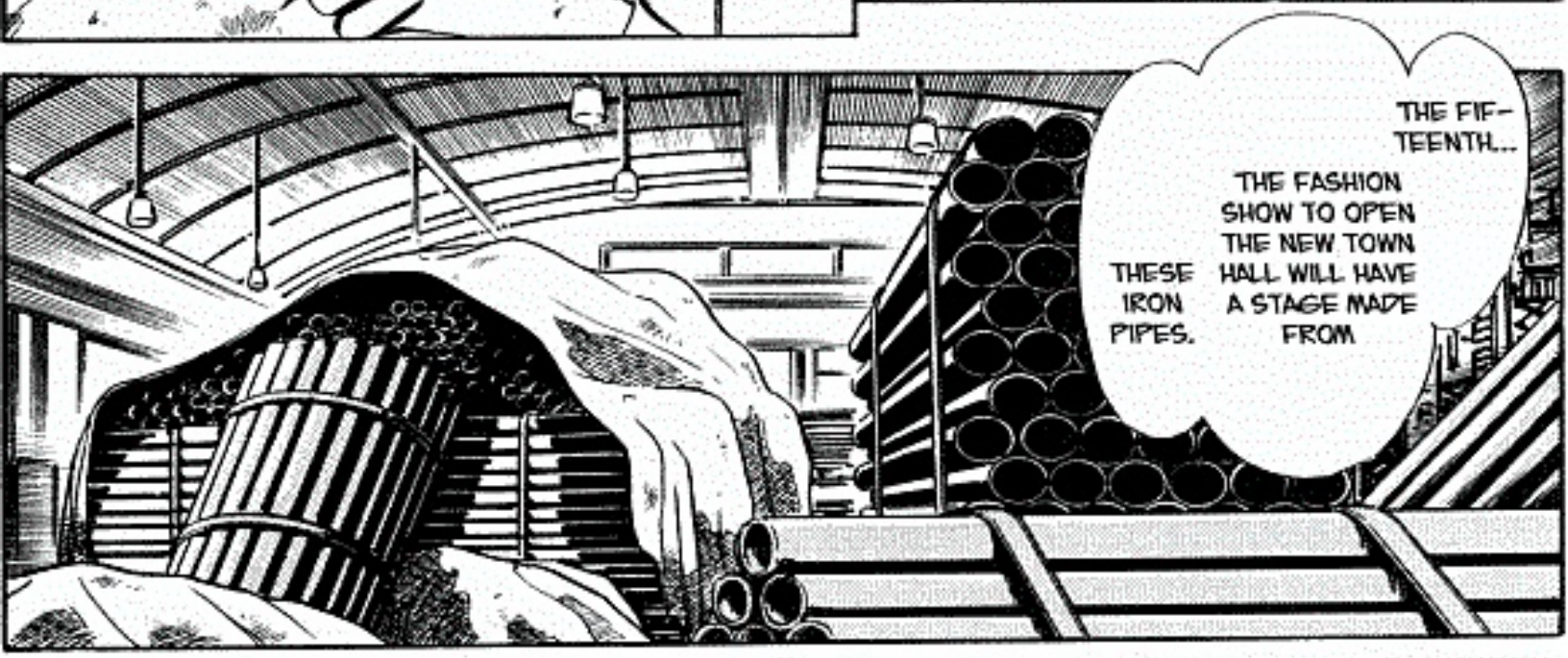


I'M CALLING THAT BOY AND TELLING HIM MY HOME-WORK IS DONE!!
AH... COM-MAND-ER
WHAT A RACKET.
FAREWELL TO THIS BUILDING FOR TEN DAYS!!
LET'S PARTAAY!!
IT'S OVER!! IT'S OVER!!
TRAINING CAMP IS OVER!!
AH! I WAS HAD!
THEN DELA...AND AFTER THAT THEY WERE ALL ABOUT THE SAME...
IRENE WAS FIRST.
WHO WON THE MOST?
SO?
Dela has her pride...
AND SHE CHEATED ME OUT OF MY WINNINGS...
BUT THEN I GOT DRAGGED INTO PLAY-ING POKER
IRENE WAS NEXT-TO-LAST.
IN REALITY I CAME IN FIRST AT SHOOTING.

ARE GOING SHOPPING AND EATING.
COLLEEN AND I
Going out! Going out!
TO TELL THE TRUTH... BASICALLY WE'LL BLOW THE TIME AWAY.
YOU'RE OFF UNTIL THE FIFTEENTH.
DO YOU ALL HAVE PLANS?
EVERY DAY...I'M GONNA BE DOING INDOOR EXERCISE IN BED, SO NO PROB...
Heee heee...
I DON'T WANT YOU GETTING HURT IF WE HAVE A BIG MISSION COME UP.
DON'T LET YOURSELVES GO SOFT.
ELEVEN STRAIGHT DAYS OF SHOPPING WILL LEAVE YOU BANKRUPT.

HOUSE CLEANING AND LAUNDRY.
SHOPPING... THEN I'LL PROBABLY COME HERE AND TRAIN.
Hmmm...we're basically alike
NOTHING MUCH...
WHAT WILL YOU DO, HELGA?
INDEED
YOU AND I... ARE REALLY RATHER BORING, AREN'T WE?
I...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?





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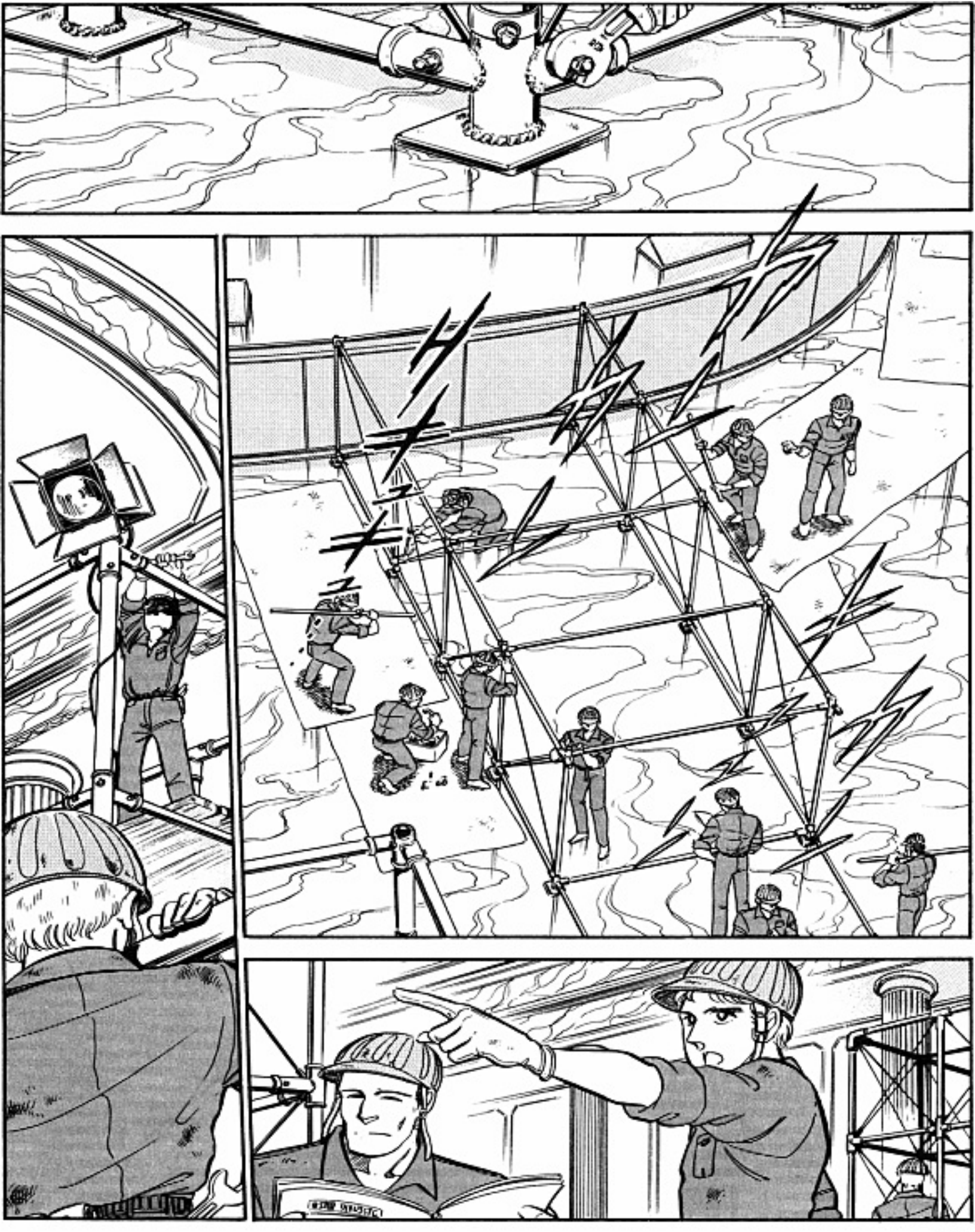

THE FLOORING IS A SPECIAL TYPE OF MARBLE.
IT RESISTS SCRATCHES, BUT IF A TILE SHATTERS IT TAKES OVER THREE MONTHS TO ORDER ANOTHER.
HEY!! CAREFUL OF THE FLOOR!
AND A SINGLE TILE WOULD COST AT LEAST THREE MONTHS OF YOUR SALARY.
TSK!! IF THE FLOORING IS WORTH THAT MUCH THEY SHOULD KEEP IT IN A BOX.
OH... DON'T SAY THAT.
APPARENTLY THE MAYOR TOOK A FANCY TO IT.
TSK...A FLOOR IS FOR FEET TO WALK ON.
I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW A WOMAN THINKS.
I THINK SHE'S GOT PRETTY GOOD TASTE.
MARBLE BY ITSELF IS A TYPICAL BUILDING MATERIAL.
BUT THESE STREAKS ARE COPPER...
HEHHH SO THAT'S WHAT CAUSES THE METALLIC GLITTER...

WELCOME
MAY I TAKE YOUR ORDER?
BRUNCH A AND I'D LIKE FRENCH DRESSING ON THE SALAD.
WE'LL GET THAT RIGHT OUT.
ONE A BRUNCH. AND AN S SALAD.
AH... UM... BOSS I HAVE A REHEARSAL AT NOON, SO I NEED TO BE GOING AS WE AGREED...
GOT IT.
AHH... THAT'S RIGHT.
ONE A BRUNCH.
TAKE THIS OUT AND YOU'RE FREE TO GO.
THANK YOU

KYAH!!
I HAVE THE A BRUNCH HERE.
WELL... THAT'S IT.
IT ISN'T MY FAULT!
W- WE'LL GET THAT DRY CLEANED AT ONCE.
I'M...SO SORRY.
BUT IT WILL LEAVE A STAIN!!
AH...DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT WASN'T HOT, AND I'VE GOT A JACKET.
PLEASE, COME WITH ME.

IT LOOKS LIKE SOME TOMATO JUICE GOT ON YOUR CHEST.
AH
F- FORGIVE ME...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WIPE IT OFF.
I APOLO-GIZE FOR THE SURPRISE... THIS...IS A SCAR.
A CRIMSON ROSE...ON HER WHITE BOSOM...
IT'S SO... BEAUTIFUL...
JUST A MINUTE!!
AH... SURE
SAY...COULD YOU LEND ME A T-SHIRT OR SOMETHING?

COULD YOU TELL ME YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER?
IF YOU DON'T MIND,
WE'LL HAVE THIS CLEANED RIGHT AWAY.
I'LL HAVE THE RESTAURANT SEND IT TO YOU TOMOR-ROW.
WELL... I'LL BE GOING.
I'LL BE HERE TILL THE FIFTEENTH, SO THERE'S NO RUSH.
AH... OKAY.
YOU CAN SEND IT TO HOTEL PIERCE, ROOM 805. MY NAME IS MARIE ROSEBANK.
I'M HERE VISITING.
DIANE!! ARE YOU STILL HERE? IF YOU DON'T LEAVE SOON YOU'LL BE LATE!
I'LL ASK THE OWNER TO TREAT YOU TO A MEAL AS A WAY OF MAKING IT UP TO YOU.

I DIDN'T TELL YOU MY NAME. I'M DIANE BELL.
OH...
WELL
TAKE IT EASY.
AH!!
THE BUS!!
PHEW...
THIRTY MINUTES!!
TA-...
SHEESEH... I'LL HAVE TO TAKE A TAXI... DO I HAVE ENOUGH?
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HOP IN.
HELLO!!
WE MEET AGAIN, DIANE.

THANKS... THIS IS A BIG HELP.
MUCH OBLIGED, MS. ROSEBANK.
NO WONDER YOU WALK WITH SUCH ELE-GANCE.
DID I HEAR THE RESTAURANT OWNER SAY YOU ARE A FASHION MODEL?
AH... SURE
I ALREADY TOOK THE LIBERTY OF CALLING YOU DIANE.
CALL ME MARIE.
YES
YOU'RE HEADED TO THE NEW TOWN HALL, RIGHT?

WOAH... I'VE NEVER BEEN BACK STAGE AT A FASHION SHOW BEFORE ...
SORRY I'M LATE.
UWAHH. VENCHY ITEMS... AND THEY'RE NEW RE-LEASES!!
Kyahh What luck!!
KY..AHH
YOU'VE GOT A NICE THIN WAIST. GREAT!

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE GIRLS FROM THE PARIS MODEL GUILD,
BUT THEY'RE ON STRIKE AND NOT COMING.
I'VE GOT THREE GIRLS FOR SURE,
BUT I NEED SIX MORE.
MY NAME IS MAURICE VENCHY.
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE SOME EXTRA MONEY?
EH?
IF...
YOU'LL TAKE THE JOB, IN ADDITION TO YOUR PAY I'LL LET YOU HAVE YOUR PICK OF ONE OF THE DRESSES.
...WHAT DO YOU SAY?
YOU CAN WALK NORMALLY.
IF YOU DON'T MIND A NORMAL GAIT, I CAN GET YOU FIVE OTHER GIRLS TOO.
A golden opportunity!!
I'LL DO IT...!!
just for walking in them...
To get expensive Venchy goods for free...
That's a crazy good deal.
FINE

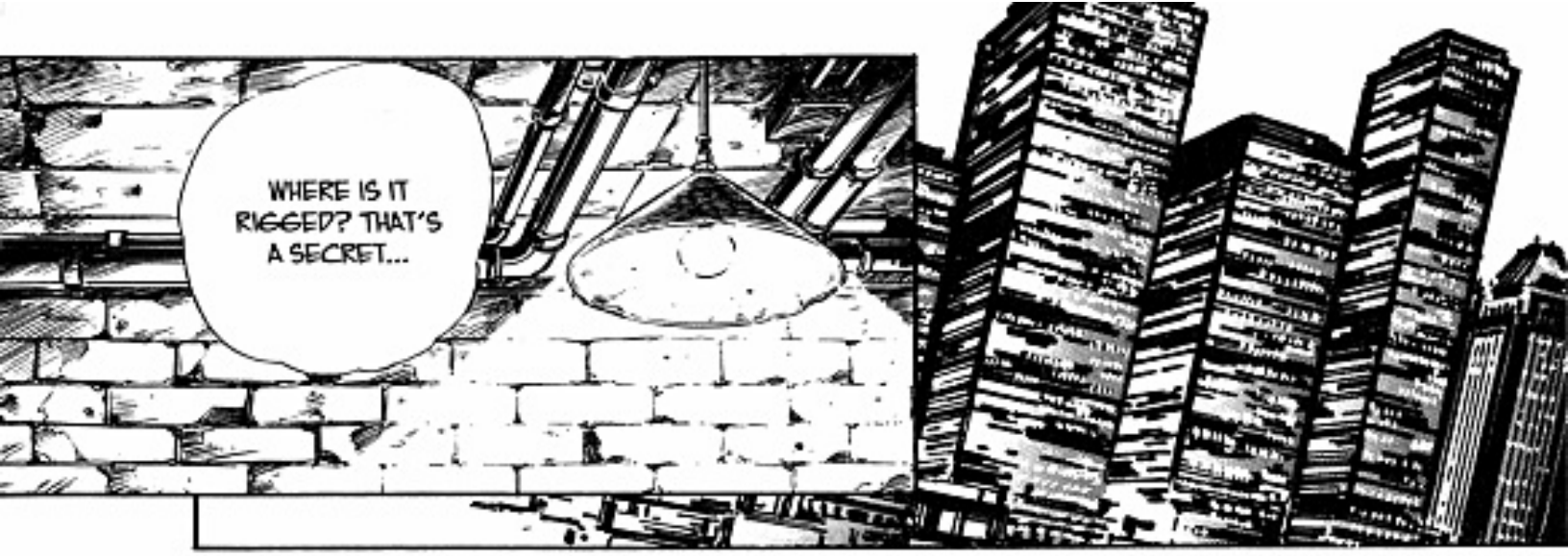
FANTASTIC... ESPECIALLY THAT TALL GIRL.
DELA STARTED OUT AS A MODEL.

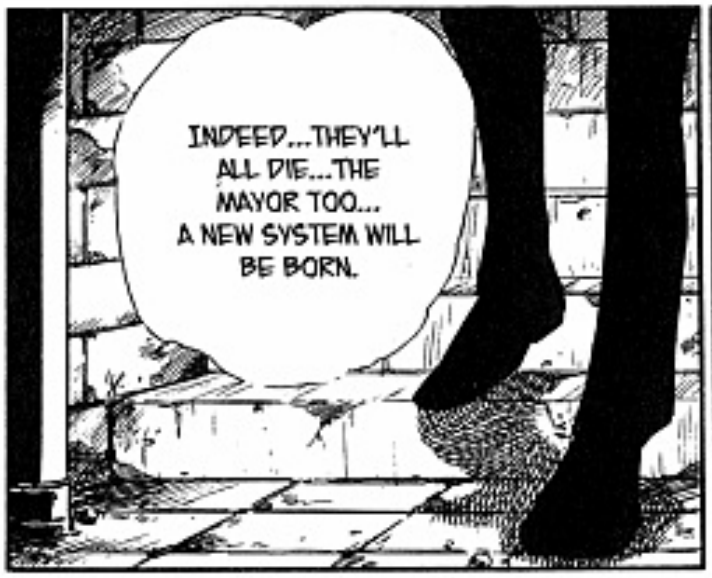
SHE'S GOT TALENT AND HAD LESSONS. SHE COULD MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO PARIS.
UH-HUH
BOTH IN HER GAIT AND HOW MUCH SHE'LL EARN.
COMPARED TO THE LIKES OF YOU... SHE'S A REAL PRO.
DIANE REALLY DOES HAVE AN ELEGANT WAY OF WALKING.
A stocking for padding
IRENE
IT MAKES MY PUSSY ACHE.
AHH...THE BEST!! I'LL WEAR THIS TOMORROW, AND EVERYONE WILL BE STARING...
OH...YOU COULD SAY THAT.
ARE YOU NORMALLY...INTO FITNESS OR SPORTS?
BUT...YOU ALL HAVE A KNACK FOR IT.

MAYOR SPEN-CER...
!
HERE'S THE MAYOR!! SHE CAME!
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TOMORROW'S EVENT. THANK YOU, EVERYONE.
AND WHAT A SPLENDID STAGE IT IS.
I CAME... TO SEE THE REHEARSAL STAGE.
IS THAT... A ROSE TATTOO ON YOUR CHEST?

HELGA
!?
THIS IS NOT A TATTOO... IT IS A SCAR.
I WAS ONCE CAUGHT IN A TERRORIST BOMBING AT AN AIR-PORT...
I LOST MY HUSBAND AND CHILD.
I ESCAPED DEATH...BUT THIS SCAR IS THE RESULT OF MY INJURY.
OHHH...
I APOLO-GIZE... I HAD NO IDEA.
!!

THEY...LAID OUT SERIOUS BUCKS FOR THIS TOWN HALL.
JUST NOW... SOME OLD GUY MAYBE FROM THE FACTORY SAID SO.
THE FLOOR IS MADE OF MARBLE WITH PATTERNS OF METAL LINES. AMAZING.
BECAUSE OF THAT THERE ARE ELASTIC SEALS ON THE CONTACT POINTS...
RIN CHIYAN
ALUMINUM OR DURALUMIN WOULD BE LIGHTER AND LESS HARMFUL TO THE FLOOR, I EXPECT.
THE STAGE IS FRAMES WITH IRON PIPES, THOUGH. THAT SEEMS KINDA CHEAP.
THE METAL IS SUP-POSEDLY COPPER.
IF AN IRON PIPE BENDS, YOU CAN BEND IT BACK WITHOUT TOO MUCH RISK. BUT ALUMINUM LOSES ITS LOAD-BEARING CAPACITY.
ONCE AN IRON PIPE IS NO LONGER USEFUL, YOU CAN MELT IT FOR REUSE. THAT ISN'T POSSIBLE WITH DURALUMIN...
I GUESS IT'S A QUESTION OF RECY-CLING...
OKAY, NOW GET OUT OF HERE.
THIS PLACE IS OFF LIMITS UNTIL TO-MORROW.
EXACTLY. THAT'S HOW THE GOV-ERNMENT DOES BUSINESS.
THEY SPENT MONEY ON THE HALL BECAUSE THEY WILL BE USING IT FOR A LONG TIME, BUT THERE'S NO REASON TO DO SO FOR A STAGE THEY WILL USE ONLY ONCE.
I SEE...
RIN CHIYAN


WHERE IS IT RIGGED? THAT'S A SECRET...


INDEED...THEY'LL ALL DIE...THE MAYOR TOO... A NEW SYSTEM WILL BE BORN.

ED...
STOP THIS... OKAY...
CHILDREN... THEIR MOTHERS... MY FRIENDS... THEY'LL ALL BE KILLED.

THE ENTRY... HALL
THE CEILING... OR MAYBE THE HVAC ROOM...
IN A BIG PLACE LIKE THAT IT COULD BE ANYWHERE..

WHO'S THERE!?

HEE!!
UH...
YOU'RE TOO SOFT, ED. YOU'VE STILL GOT A THING FOR THAT GIRL.
MAX!!
TO ACCOMPLISH ONE'S ENDS, ONE WILL SEND ONE'S OWN FRIENDS TO THE GUILLOTINE...
IN OTHER WORDS... THE REIGN OF TERROR...
THE WORD TERRORISM HAS ITS ORIGINS IN THE FRENCH "LA TERREUR,"

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SHEESH... IT'S WORK...
THIS DOESN'T FEEL ANYTHING LIKE SOMETHING THAT ATTRACTS THE GAZE OF THE WORLD OR MAKES MY PUSSY TWITCH...
LIFT YOUR ARMS.
FITTING!!
DON'T MOVE. NUMBER FORTY TO MAKEUP!!

I'M SWEATING LIKE A PIG!!
KU-WAHH
QUICKLY!! QUICKLY!!
THIRTY-SIX TO FORTY-FIVE!! TO FITTING AT ONCE!!
YOU'RE ON DECK!
TWENTY TO THIRTY-FIVE

FUFU...
I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE MORE GLAMOR-OUS.
I'D RATHER BE ON A MISSION...
THE DESIGNER IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL. WEALTH AND FAME DECIDE IT.
THERE YOU HAVE NO IDEA IF YOU'LL HAVE TO WALK OUT NAKED.
THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO PARIS OR MILAN.
TO BECOME FIRST RATE, YOU HAVE TO FORCE YOUR-SELF NOT TO SWEAT.
SWEAT CAN CAUSE YOUR CLOTHES TO STICK AND CHANGE YOUR SIL-HOUETTE.
IF YOU'RE SWEATING IT PROVES YOU ARE NOT MOVING EFFICIENTLY.
GEH...
AND...
IS IT BAD FOR A MODEL TO SWEAT?
SHE ISN'T SWEAT-ING.
YOU CAN TELL DELA USED TO WORK AS A MODEL.
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UH-HUH
MARIE
NOW WE WAIT TO SEE WHERE THE ENEMY APPEARS...
HMM...
I WONDER...IS ONE OF THESE OUTFITS A BIT CHEAP...

POLICE
UH-HUH... THE SHOW WAS PRETTY AMAZING.
DIDN'T YOU GO TO THE TOWN HALL, CHRIS?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE, INSPECTOR CONNER.
WOAH!!
UH-HUH
?
BUT... THAT WAS PRETTY MEAN OF YOU NOT TO TELL ME...
WITH EVERYONE WHO'S ANYONE THERE RUBBING SHOULDERS, THE MAYOR PROBABLY HAS HER NOSE TEN FEET HIGH...

HE SEEMED PRETTY HAPPY YOU HAD WORKED THE DEAL IN SECRET.
WHEN I ASKED THE CHIEF,
WHAT DID YOU DO?
AT FIRST I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THEM FOR ALL THE MAKEUP.
BUT THAT COMMANDER WORE THE FINAL WEDDING DRESS...
!!
WELL...I KNOW YOU SAY THAT TO FOOL AN ENEMY FIRST YOU HAVE TO BE THEIR FRIEND...
NOW I'M WORRIED HOW MUCH THE BILL WILL BE.
YOU KNOW... THE ONE WITH SOMETHING LIKE A ROSE TATTOO ON HER BREAST. I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF IT DURING THE AIRPORT TERRORIST INCIDENCE AND IT STUCK IN MY MIND.
TO PLACE THOSE CAT GIRLS RIGHT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE MODELS IN THE SHOW.
WHAT A MOVE.

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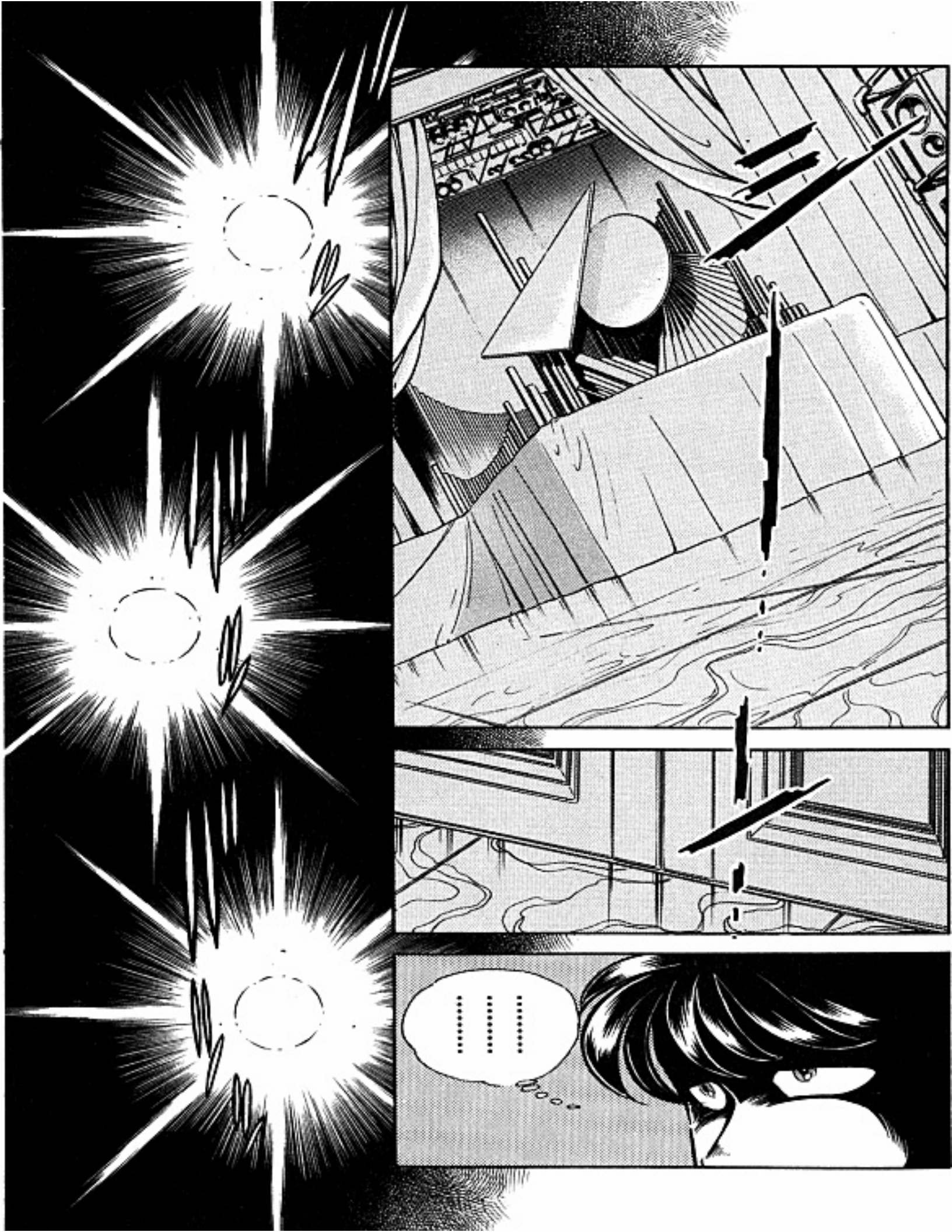


NO OTHER AGE CAN CLAIM MORE EXTRAVAGANT WOMEN.
MORE BEAUTIFUL, MORE BUOYANT, MORE GLAMOR-OUS...
THE IMAGE OF THIS CITY IS EXTRA-VAGANT WOMEN.
THE MODEST ONES ALL SOLD OUT!!

SMITH & WESSON
...YOU...
THE UNBLEMISHED HEART OF A MAIDEN IS PURE WHITE. BUT A MAIDEN IN LOVE IS EXTRAVAGANT INDEED!!
AT WHAT POINT DID YOU SELL OUT YOUR SENSE OF JUSTICE?
MAD MAX, AKA, POLICE INSPECTOR MAXIMILLIAN CONNER...
FBI AGENT

ED TOLD US EVERY-THING.
THERE IS NO EXAMPLE IN HISTORY OF THE PEOPLE YIELDING TO A TERRORIST REGIME.
TERRORISM NEVER CHANGES...

THAT WAS QUITE IN-GENIOUS.
AND USING THE COPPER LINES IN THE MARBLED FLOOR AS LEADS FOR THE FUSE...
IT WAS A LOT MORE COMPLICAT-ED THAN THE EXPLOSIVE YOU USED IN THE RESTAURANT AND THE AIRPORT.

REMOVING ALL THE EXPLOSIVE FROM THOSE IRON PIPES... WE WERE UP ALL NIGHT...
THAT WAS TOUGH WORK.
THANKS TO YOU, THE STAGE TODAY IS A BLUR.

AND THEN EVEN CAME TO MY HOME...
BECAUSE YOU CAME SNOOPING AROUND CAT...

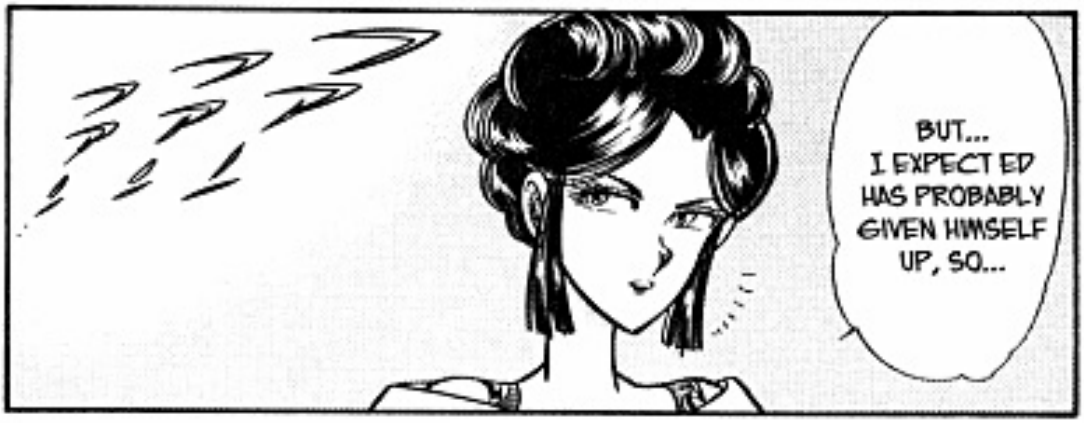
STILL... WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
...BUT IT WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE...

YOU SHOWED ME THE VIDEO
TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH SKILL I HAD...
I BE-LIEVE I TOLD YOU.
INTUITION IS ACTION BACKED BY ORDINARY DATA...

SO...WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH ME?

UNLESS WE HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED BY HEADQUARTERS ON AN OFFICIAL MISSION, WE HAVE NO LEGAL AUTHORITY.
SO... WE CAN NEITHER ARREST YOU NOR RESTRAIN YOU.

NOT REALLY ... ANY-THING.


BUT... I EXPECT ED HAS PROBABLY GIVEN HIMSELF UP, SO...

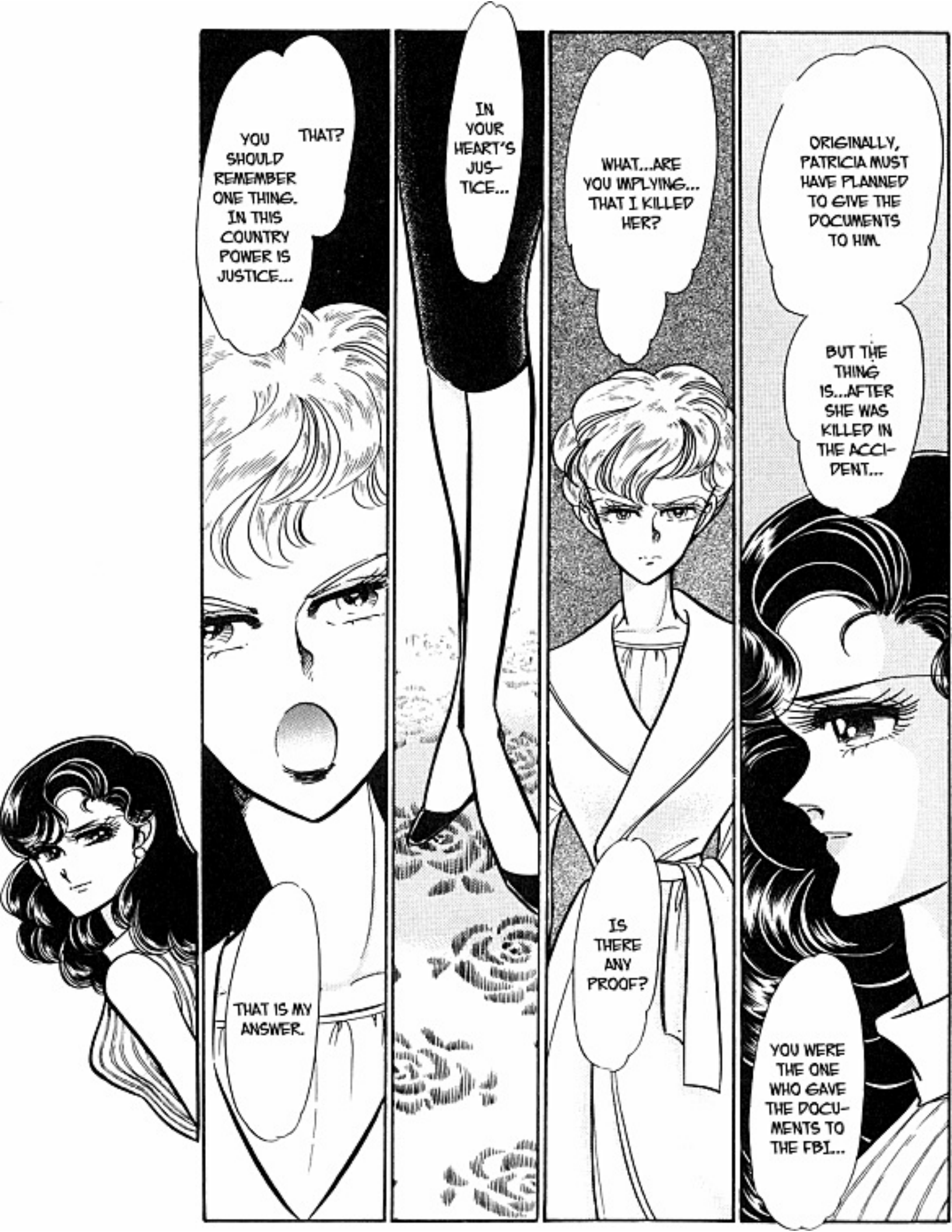
YOU...WERE TRYING TO KILL THE MAYOR.
WAS IT IN REVENGE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND IN THE HOWSER SCANDAL?
WHAT DID THE MAYOR DO!?

AH!!

COLLEEN!!
CUT THE CIRCUIT BREAKER!!
THOSE COPPER LINES BACK-FIRED...

... INSPEC- TOR...
A WORD ...
AH...UM YOU GUYS

YOU'VE CERTAINLY DONE YOUR HOMEWORK...
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO DELIVERED TO THE FBI THE SECRET DOCUMENTS THAT PATRICIA SCOTT SMUGGLED OUT... RIGHT?
THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HOWSER SCANDAL?
I ONLY DID WHAT ANYONE WOULD DO.
DON'T TALK BAD ABOUT ME.
IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT EVIL DEEDS BE JUDGED.
I CAN'T ABIDE FRAUD.
IT IS MY RULE... AND MY JUSTICE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY ASKING THAT...
BY DELIVERING THAT DOCUMENTS TO THE FBI YOU ELIMINATED ALL YOUR POLITICAL ENEMIES.
NOW THAT INSPECTOR CONNER IS DEAD, I CAN ONLY SURMISE...


ORIGINALLY, PATRICIA MUST HAVE PLANNED TO GIVE THE DOCUMENTS TO HIM.
BUT THE THING IS...AFTER SHE WAS KILLED IN THE ACCI-DENT...
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO GAVE THE DOCU-MENTS TO THE FBI...
WHAT...ARE YOU IMPLYING... THAT I KILLED HER?
IS THERE ANY PROOF?
IN YOUR HEART'S JUS-TICE...
YOU SHOULD REMEMBER ONE THING. IN THIS COUNTRY POWER IS JUSTICE... THAT?
THAT IS MY ANSWER.

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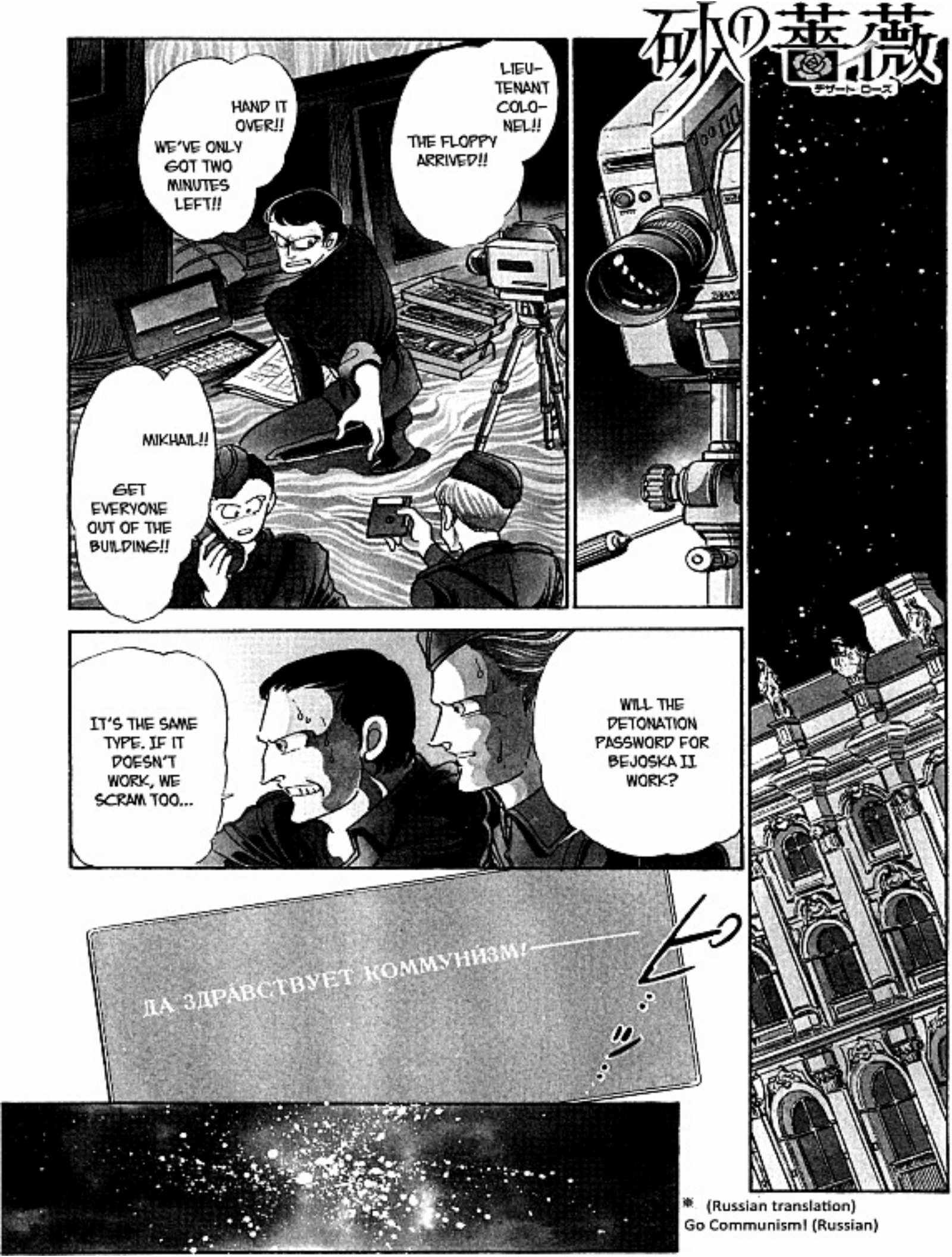
File:13 Red Star Galil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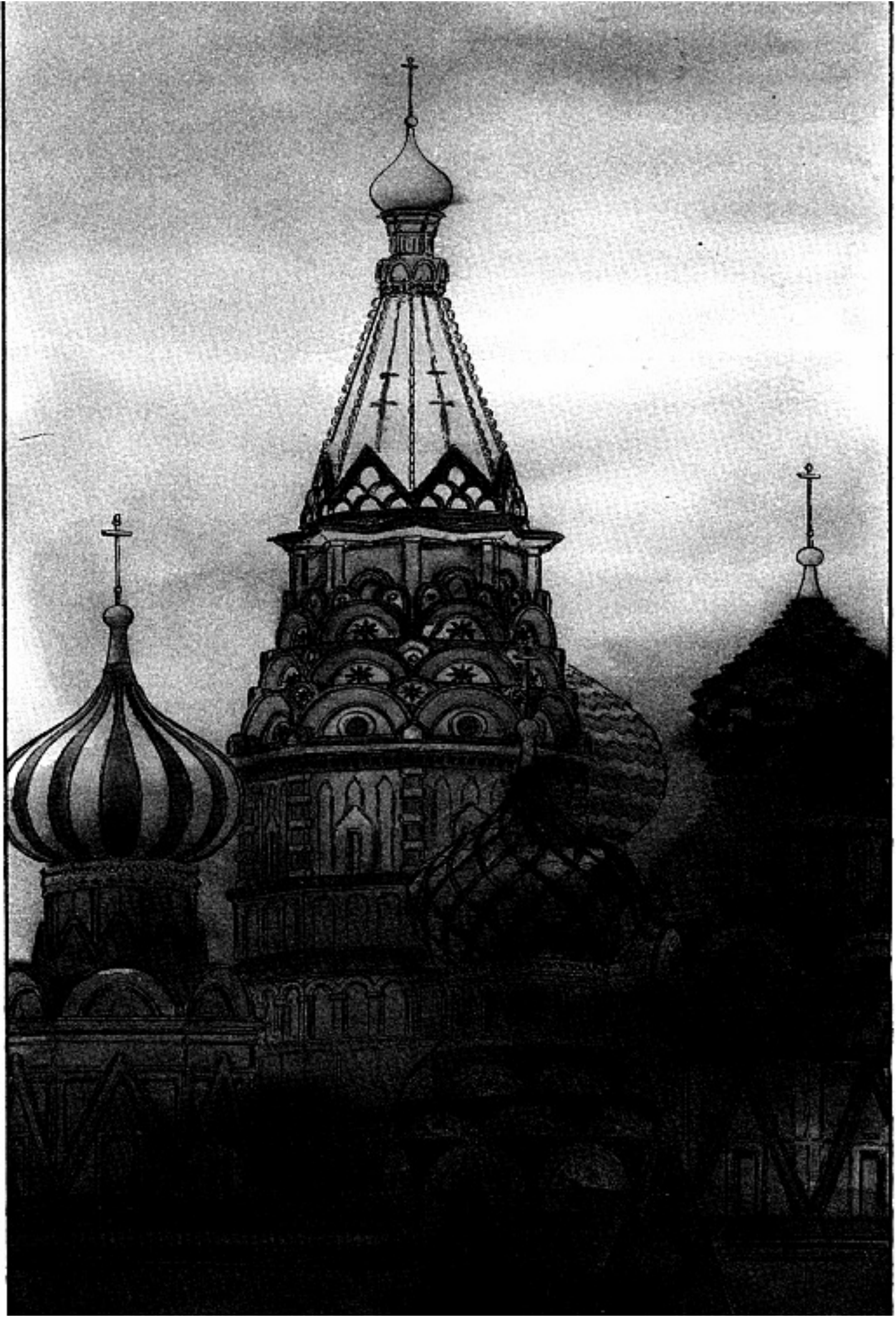
LIEU-TENANT COLO-NEL!! THE FLOPPY ARRIVED!!
HAND IT OVER!! WE'VE ONLY GOT TWO MINUTES LEFT!!
MIKHAIL!! GET EVERYONE OUT OF THE BUILDING!!
WILL THE DETONATION PASSWORD FOR BEJOSKA II WORK?
IT'S THE SAME TYPE. IF IT DOESN'T WORK, WE SCRAM TOO...
ДА ЗДРАВСТВУЕТ КОММУНИЗМ!

* (Russian translation) Go Communism! (Russian)



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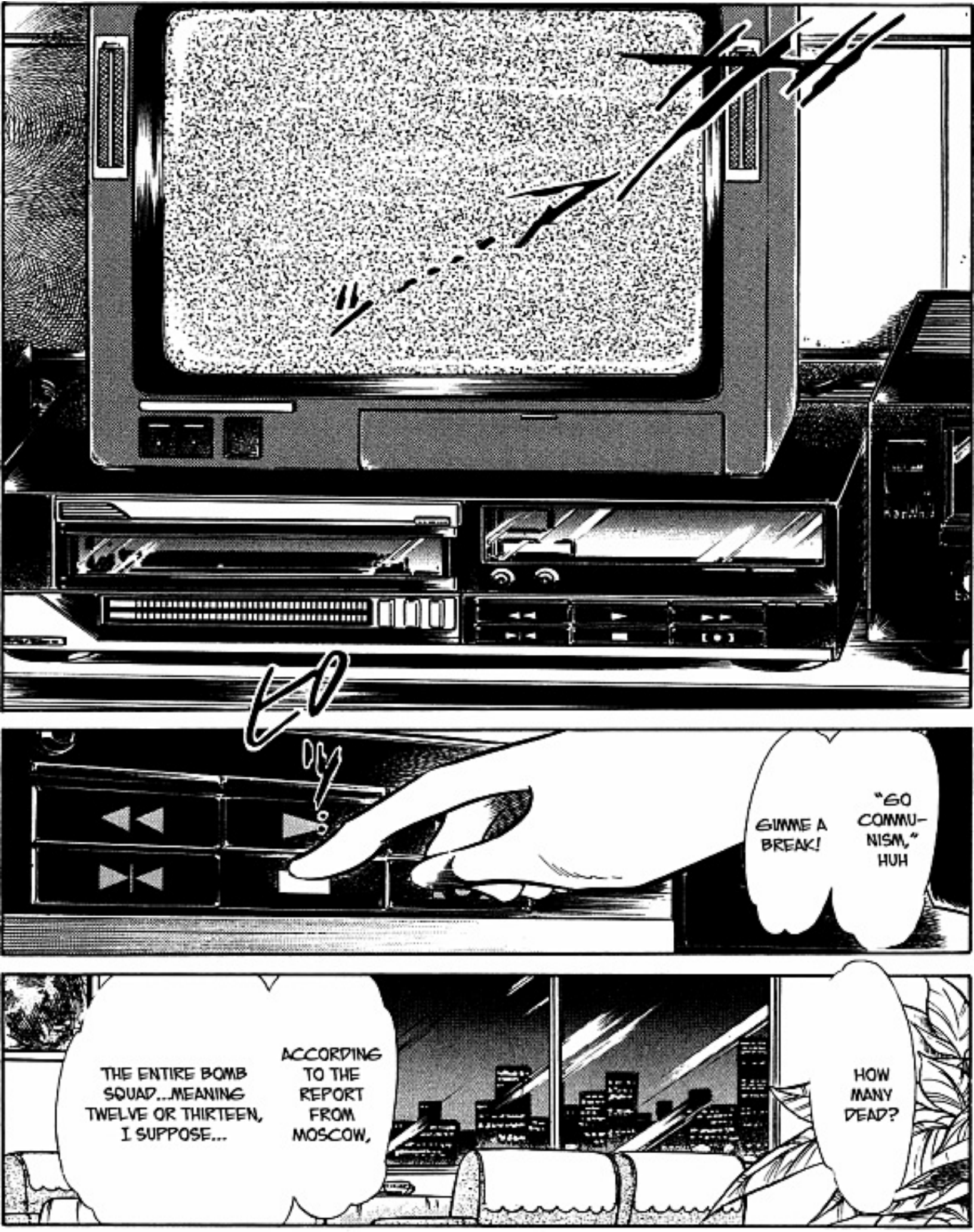
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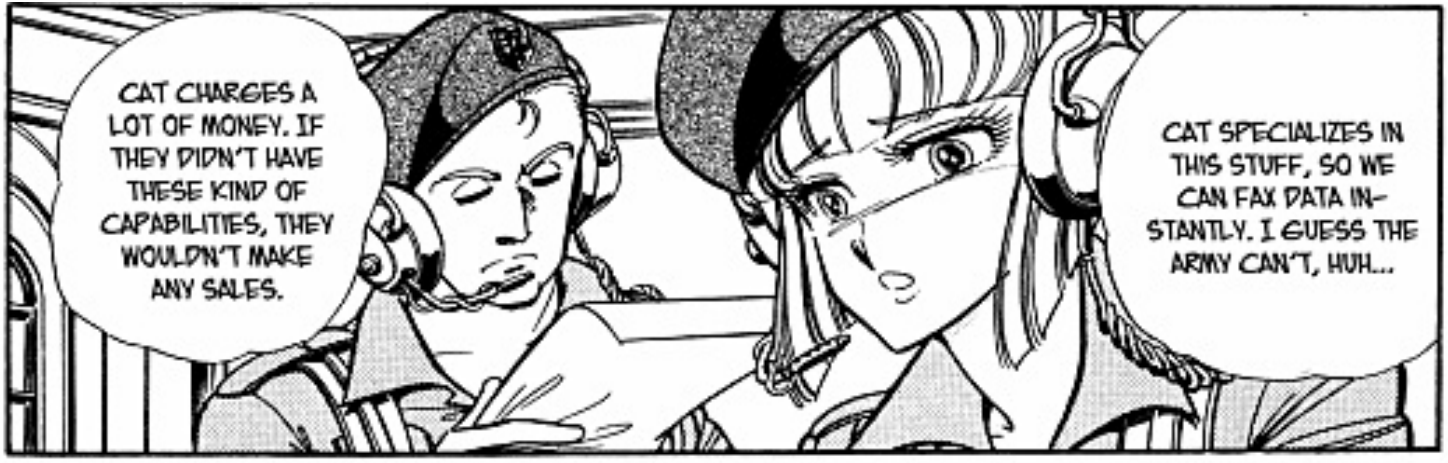
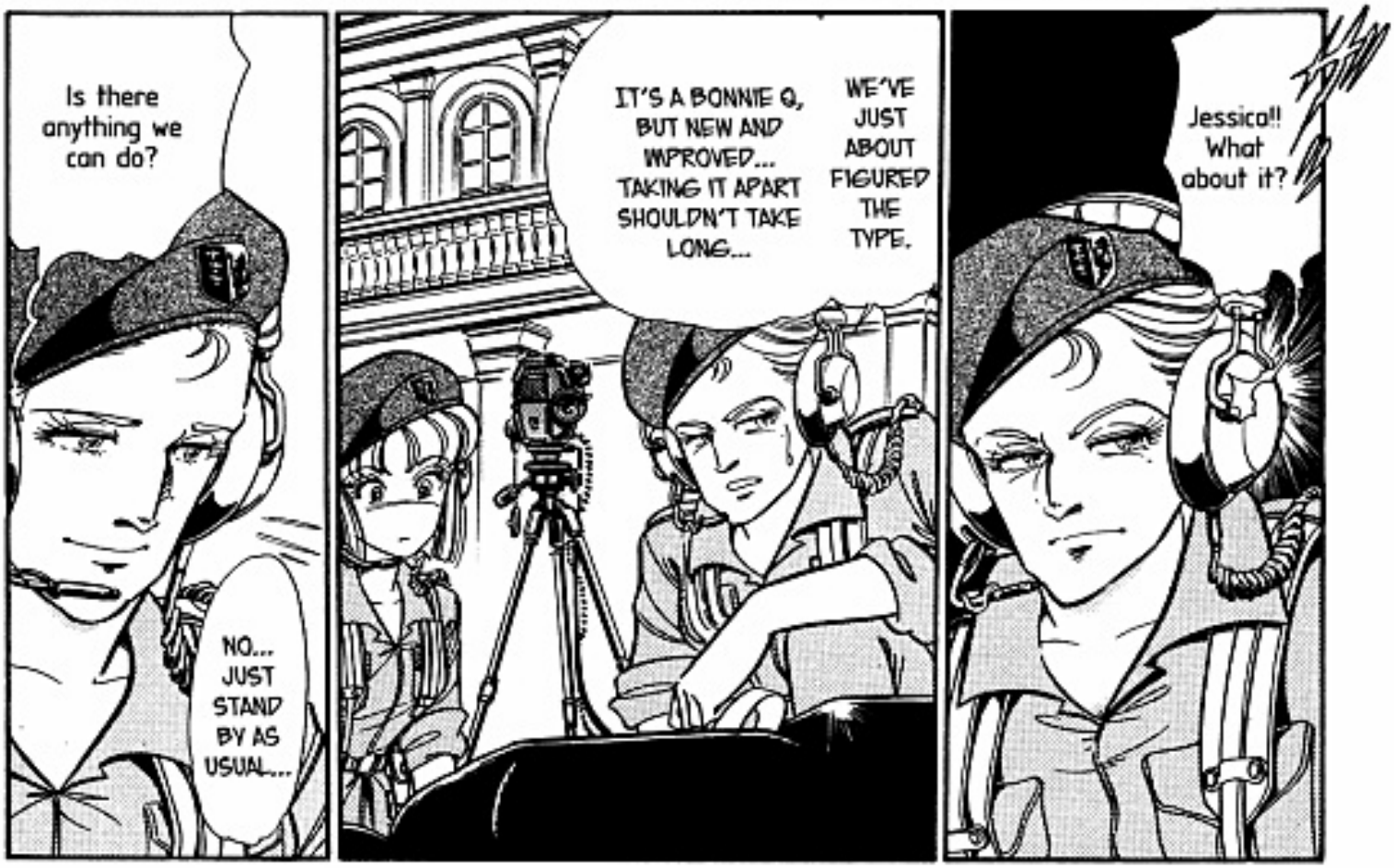
GIMME A BREAK!
"GO COMMU-NISM," HUH
THE ENTIRE BOMB SQUAD...MEANING TWELVE OR THIRTEEN, I SUPPOSE...
ACCORDING TO THE REPORT FROM MOSCOW,
HOW MANY DEAD?

ジーッ
IT USED THE SAME PASSWORD PROTECTION, SO THEY PROBABLY THOUGHT IT WAS THE SAME TYPE.
SO IT WASN'T A BEJOSKA II...
IS THAT THE END OF IT?
AND FULLY PLANNED FOR IT TO BE RE-MOVED...
MEANING... THE CULPRIT USED THE SAME COMPUTER PROTECTION AS BEJOSKA II
EXACTLY SO...
C.A.T
OF C.A.T
UH-HUH. FROM NOW ON WHEN YOU GO SIGHT-SEEING IN MOSCOW, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO VISIT THE UTTERLY DESTROYED CHURCH OF SAINT NIKOLAI.

USA 3:00 PM
IS THE MILITARY BOMB SQUAD HERE?
THEY WERE AT FIRST...
BUT... APPARENTLY THEY SAID IT WAS MORE THAN THEY COULD HANDLE
AND CALLED IN PROFES-SIONALS.
PROFES-SION-ALS...YOU MEAN CIVIL-IANS?
UH-HUH...THE ONES THAT SPECIALIZE IN DEALING WITH TER-RORISM, INCLUDING BOMBS.
CAT...I THINK IT WAS CALLED...

"BONNIE Q"...YOU MEAN THE ONE ON THAT TRANSCONTINENTAL EXPRESS TRAIN?
IT LOOKS LIKE AN IMPROVED VERSION OF THAT "BONNIE Q" ASSEMBLY FROM MINNESOTA.
TSK!! THE MOTION SENSOR AND GYRO ARE COMBINED...
HERE
DATA ON THE BONNIE Q.
YEAH...THE ONE ON THE TRAIN DIDN'T HAVE A MOTION SENSOR OF COURSE, BUT THIS ONE IS STATIONARY, SO IT HAS ONE...
HERE IS THE DATA ON DISMANTLING IT.
A BATTERY PACK AND EXPLOSIVE...
THERE'S A SAFETY ON THE FRONT.
ON THE LEFT...AN INTERFACE UNIT WITH A TIMER.
LET ME HAVE A LOOK.
I'LL HAVE THE DATA ON DISMANTLING IT IN A JIFFY.


CAT CHARGES A LOT OF MONEY. IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE THESE KIND OF CAPABILITIES, THEY WOULDN'T MAKE ANY SALES.
CAT SPECIALIZES IN THIS STUFF, SO WE CAN FAX DATA INSTANTLY. I GUESS THE ARMY CAN'T, HUH...


Is there anything we can do?
NO... JUST STAND BY AS USUAL...
IT'S A BONNIE Q, BUT NEW AND IMPROVED... TAKING IT APART SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG...
WE'VE JUST ABOUT FIGURED THE TYPE.
Jessica!! What about it?

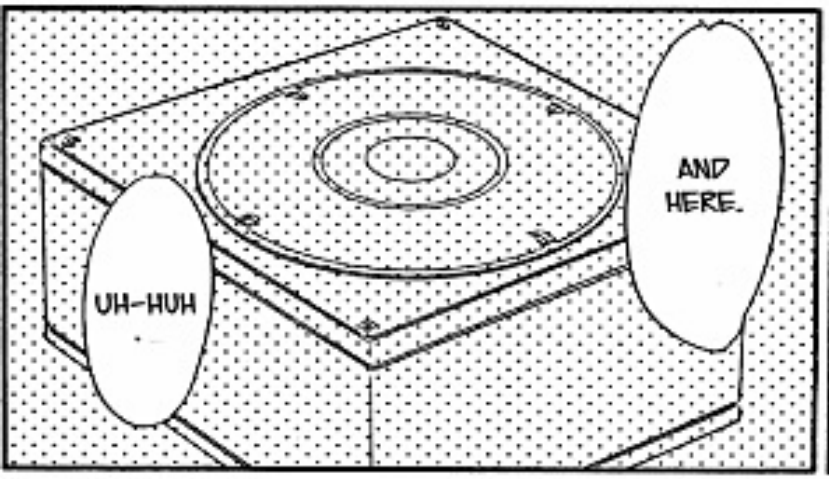
SHE'LL BE FINE...
NO ONE IS BETTER WITH EXPLOSIVES THAN JESSICA...
BE CARE-FUL...

MARIE
BUT...AS COMMANDER I HATE NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING TO HELP...
UH-HUH...I KNOW.
SHE'S THE BEST BOMB DIFFUSER AT CAT.
Command-er!!

JESSI-
CA!!
THIS THING... CANNOT BE DIFFUSED. IT'S GOING OFF IN TWENTY MINUTES. GET EVERYONE OUT.
NO GOOD...
SORRY

THAT'S A WRAP!! -1825HRS-
CAREFUL OF THE BUILDING COLLAPS-ING!
OK!! LET'S GET THAT FIRE OUT!!
LET'S GO!!
TSK...THIS IS WHAT ALL THAT MONEY BOUGHT US?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. NO ONE WAS HURT. THEY CAN BUILD AS MANY MORE BUILDINGS AS THEY LIKE.
I'M SORRY.

BUT ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE INTERFACE UNIT THERE WERE SOME WEIRD WELD SEAMS. AND A LOT OF CORDS CONNECTING TO THE PRIMER.
FROM THE PACK-AGE AND LAYOUT I THOUGHT IT WAS A BONNIE Q...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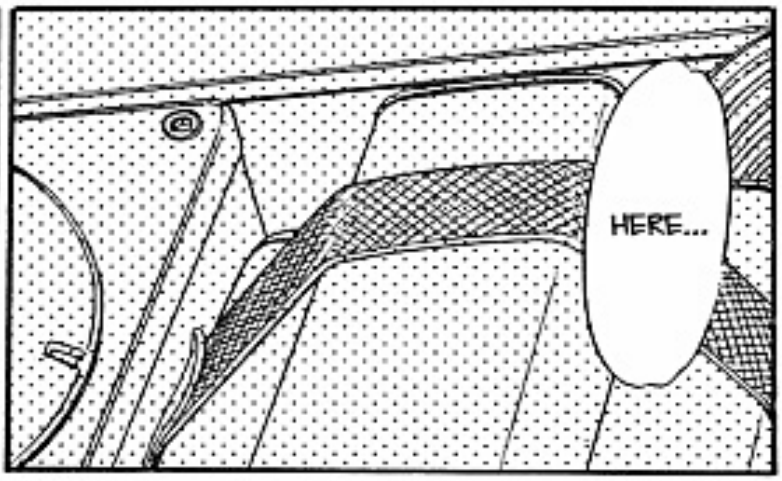
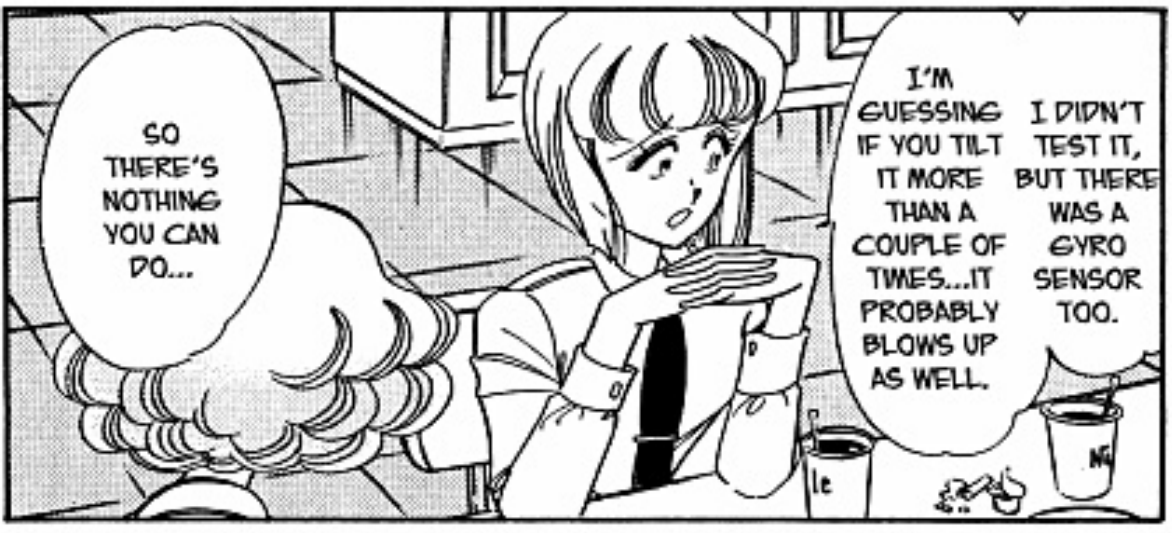
AND HERE.


HERE...

IF YOU OPEN THE UNIT, THE LIGHT SENSOR SETS OFF THE EXPLOSION. IF YOU MOVE THE UNIT, THE MOTION SENSOR SETS OFF THE EXPLOSION.
COLLEEN?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

I FIGURED THERE MUST BE A LIGHT SENSOR IN THE IN-TERFACE UNIT.
ANYWAY, THE THING WAS RIDDLED WITH SENSORS.


SO THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO...
I'M GUESSING IF YOU TILT IT MORE THAN A COUPLE OF TIMES...IT PROBABLY BLOWS UP AS WELL.
I DIDN'T TEST IT, BUT THERE WAS A GYRO SENSOR TOO.

JESSI-
CA
IT WAS JUST MY LACK OF SKILL THAT KEPT ME FROM DOING IT.
THERE IS NO BOMB...THAT CAN'T BE DIFFUSED. IF A HUMAN PUT IT TOGETHER, A HUMAN CAN DEFINITELY TAKE IT APART.
UH-HUH ...TO PUT IT BLUNTLY...IT CAN'T BE DIFFUSED...
HER PRIDE IS RIPPED TO PIECES.
JESSICA... SURE IS DOWN...
I'LL SUBMIT MY REPORT TOMORROW.
STOP IT YOU TWO.
MARIE
PUSHING FORWARD WITH THE BONNIE Q DATA TO DISMANTLE IT...BUT THIS TIME...
JESSICA'S JUDGEMENT WAS CORRECT.

DIVISION B IS TAKING OUT A BONNIE & IN CANADA.
I THINK SHE'S ALREADY GONE...WHY, DELA?
IS JES-SICA HERE?
THEY ARE ON A MONITOR AT HEADQUAR-TERS.
WHAT!!
I'M CALLING JESSICA.
MEN...A MALE UNIT...
THERE'S A DIVISION B?

I'M SORRY. PLEASE LET ME THROUGH.
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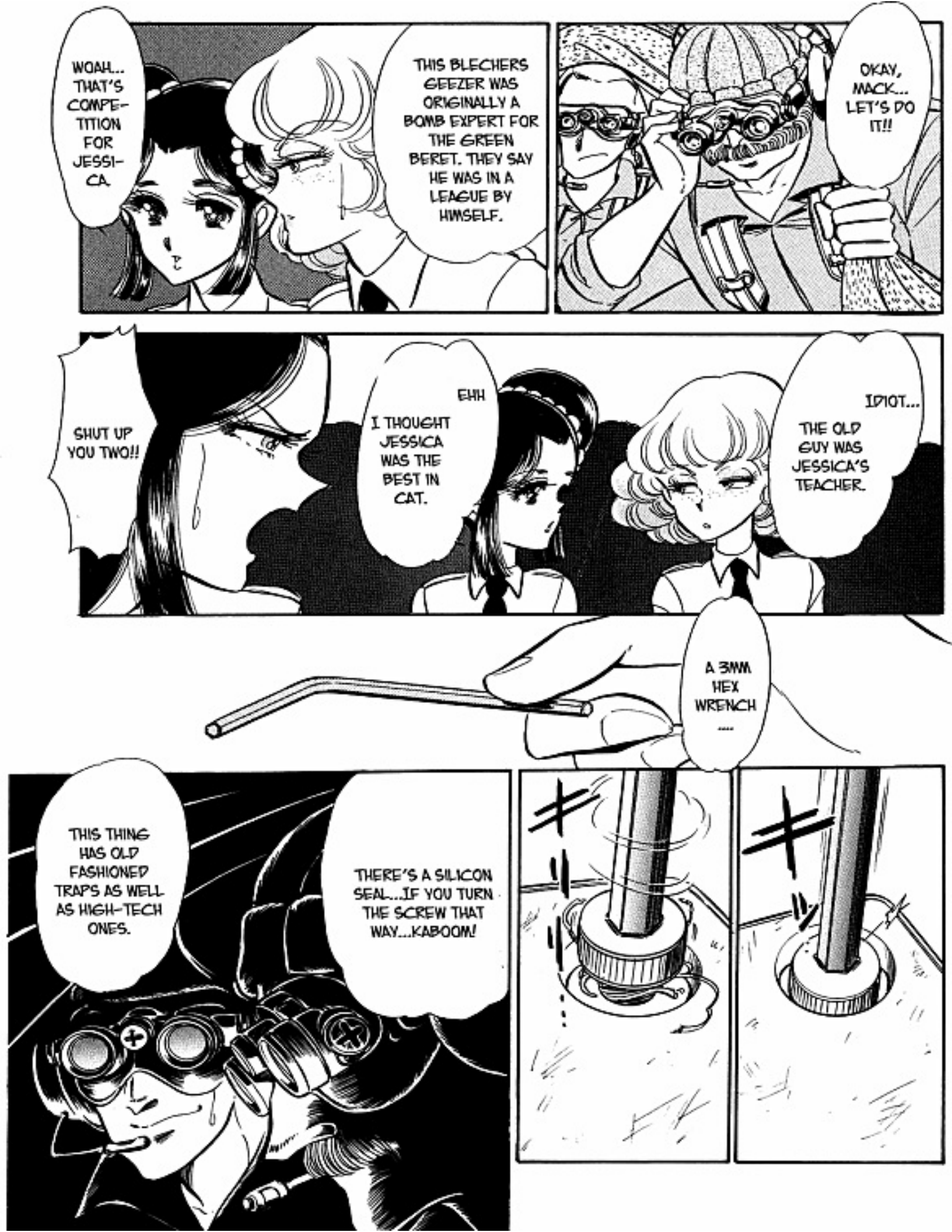
BUT...WAIT!! YOU'RE TAKING OUT A BONNIE Q?
IS THAT ROSE ON YOUR CHEST ALIVE AND KICKING?
HI THERE MARIE. BEAUTIFUL AS ALWAYS I SEE.
COMMANDER BLECHERS...? THIS IS ROSEBANK OF SECTION F!!
CAN YOU HEAR ME!?
I SEE YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED ...
THANK YOU.

I'LL MANAGE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT IT.
UH-HUH...THAT'S RIGHT. I HEARD YOU HAD ONE TODAY YOU COULDN'T HANDLE, I GOT YOUR LATEST DATA ON IT.
ACCORDING TO JESSICA, IT'S RIDDLED WITH SENSORS. AT THE MOMENT THERE'S NO WAY TO DEFUSE IT...
SO THE VIDEO MAY BE A LITTLE HARD TO SEE.
I'M USING A NIGHT SCOPE TO HOLD OFF THE LIGHT SENSOR,
I CAN SHUT UP THE MOTION SENSOR AND GYRO SENSOR WITH EPOXY CEMENT.
I SUPPOSE SO...IT'S A NAUGHTY LITTLE BRAT.
COMMANDER BLECH-ERS...!! ANYWAY...BE CAREFUL...
Please relay my thanks to Jessica. Tell her I'll take data over pride any day...


WOAH... THAT'S COMPE-TITION FOR JESSI-CA.
THIS BLECHERS GEEZER WAS ORIGINALLY A BOMB EXPERT FOR THE GREEN BERET. THEY SAY HE WAS IN A LEAGUE BY HIMSELF.
OKAY, MACK... LET'S DO IT!!
SHUT UP YOU TWO!!
EHH I THOUGHT JESSICA WAS THE BEST IN CAT.
IDIOT... THE OLD GUY WAS JESSICA'S TEACHER.
A 3MM HEX WRENCH ....
THIS THING HAS OLD FASHIONED TRAPS AS WELL AS HIGH-TECH ONES.
THERE'S A SILICON SEAL...IF YOU TURN THE SCREW THAT WAY...KABOOM!

THE LIGHT SENSOR THERE WILL NOW GO TO SLEEP
HE... KNOWS HIS STUFF...
(six) ohhh
LOOK... THERE'S A LEAD ATTACHED.
ROGER!!
MACK!! GET ME THROUGH THE PASSWORD PROTECTION ON THE COMPUTER.
THAT DOES IT...WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE OFF THE COVER.
C-COMMANDER BLECHERS...!!
ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE INTERFACE UNIT THERE WERE SOME WEIRD WELD SEAMS...

REALLY!!
Jessica said that on the right side of the interface unit there were some weird weld seams...
LET'S SEE.
UH-HUH... ABOUT TWO CENTIMETERS FROM THE TOP THERE ARE THREE FLAT LINES...
EACH ABOUT FIVE CENTIME-TERS LONG.
MACK, CAN YOU SEE THEM FROM THERE?
WHY WOULD THERE BE WELD SEAMS ON A UNIT THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER LIKE THIS?
HMMM...
NO...SHE SAID THEY MADE HER NERVOUS, BUT SHE DIDN'T KNOW ANY COUNTERMEA-SURE...
MARIE DOES JESSICA KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE...!?

THREE LINES...ARE FAIRLY YUCKY...
IT COULD EASILY BE A BLUFF, BUT IT ALSO MIGHT NOT BE...
HUMPH...
I'm s- so sorry.
NO... THAT'S OKAY. THE PLACE IS A LOT MORE GLAMOR-OUS NOW.
OH, MARIE. A YOUNG-STER'S THERE TOO, HUH...
IF THERE WERE ONLY ONE, WOULD THAT NOT BE YUCKY?
MACK!! MAKE AN X-RAY!!
BUT THREE... THAT'S SOME-THING ELSE ENTIRELY...
YES, SIR
IF THERE WERE ONLY ONE, IT WOULD BE THE RESULT OF ATTACHING THE UNIT TO THE ASSEMBLY.
IF THERE WERE TWO, ONE OF THEM MIGHT BE FOR THE UNIT ITSELF....
HEY, LIN!!

THERE WAS A UNIT ONE TIME IN CHICAGO WITH A BUNCH OF TINY HOLES IN IT. I WORRIED OVER THAT THING FOR TWO HOURS.
A BLUFF
TSK
I GUESS IT MUST BE NOTHING...
THERE'S A CAVITY... BEHIND ALL THREE OF THEM...
NO...I'VE TRIED EVERY PLACE SHE MIGHT BE...
HELGA!!
DID YOU REACH JESSICA?
I OVER-THOUGHT IT.
BUT...IT JUST TURNED OUT TO BE THE MATERIAL THEY USED.
FINE...LET'S GET PAST THIS COMPUTER.
THAT'S RIGHT.

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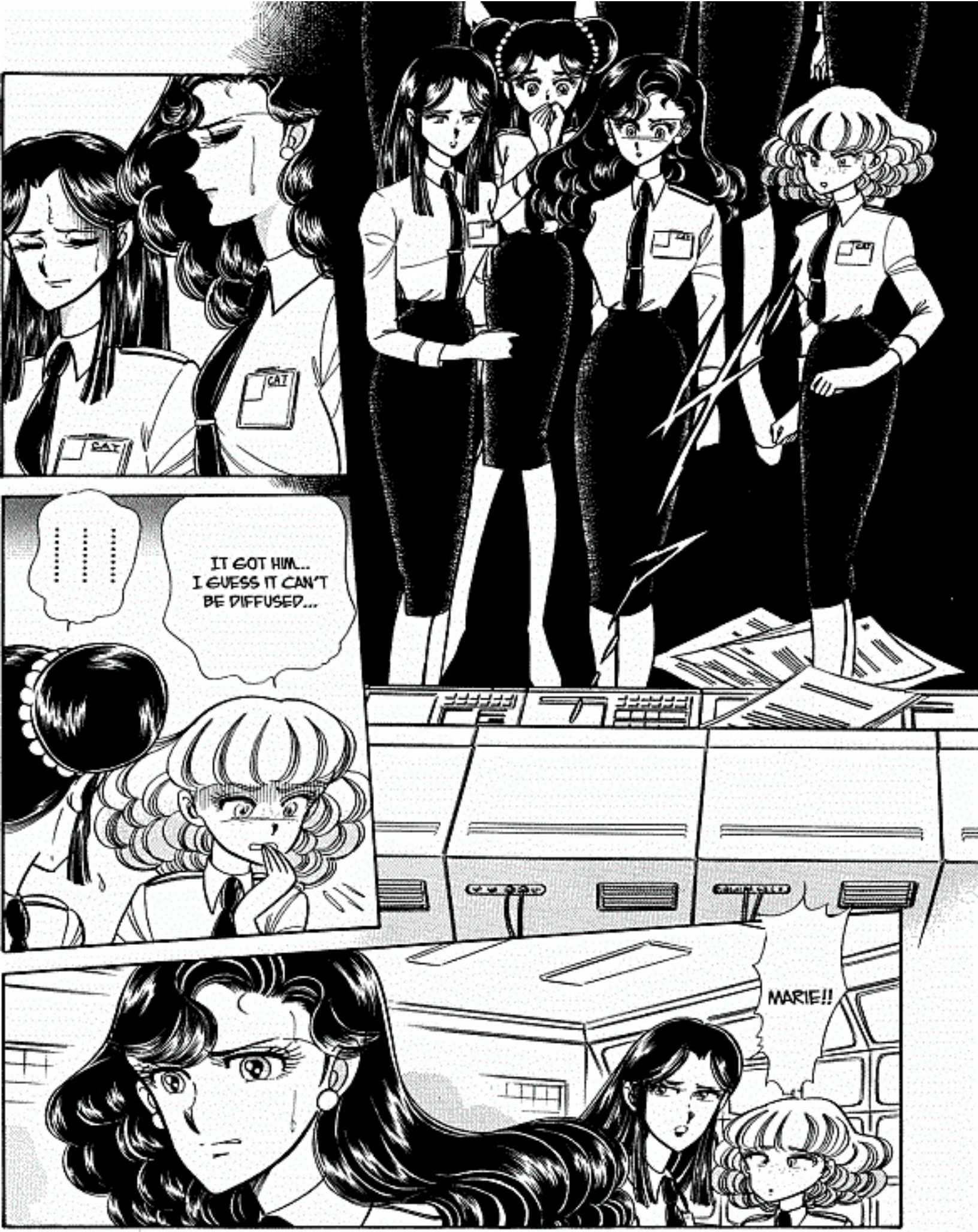
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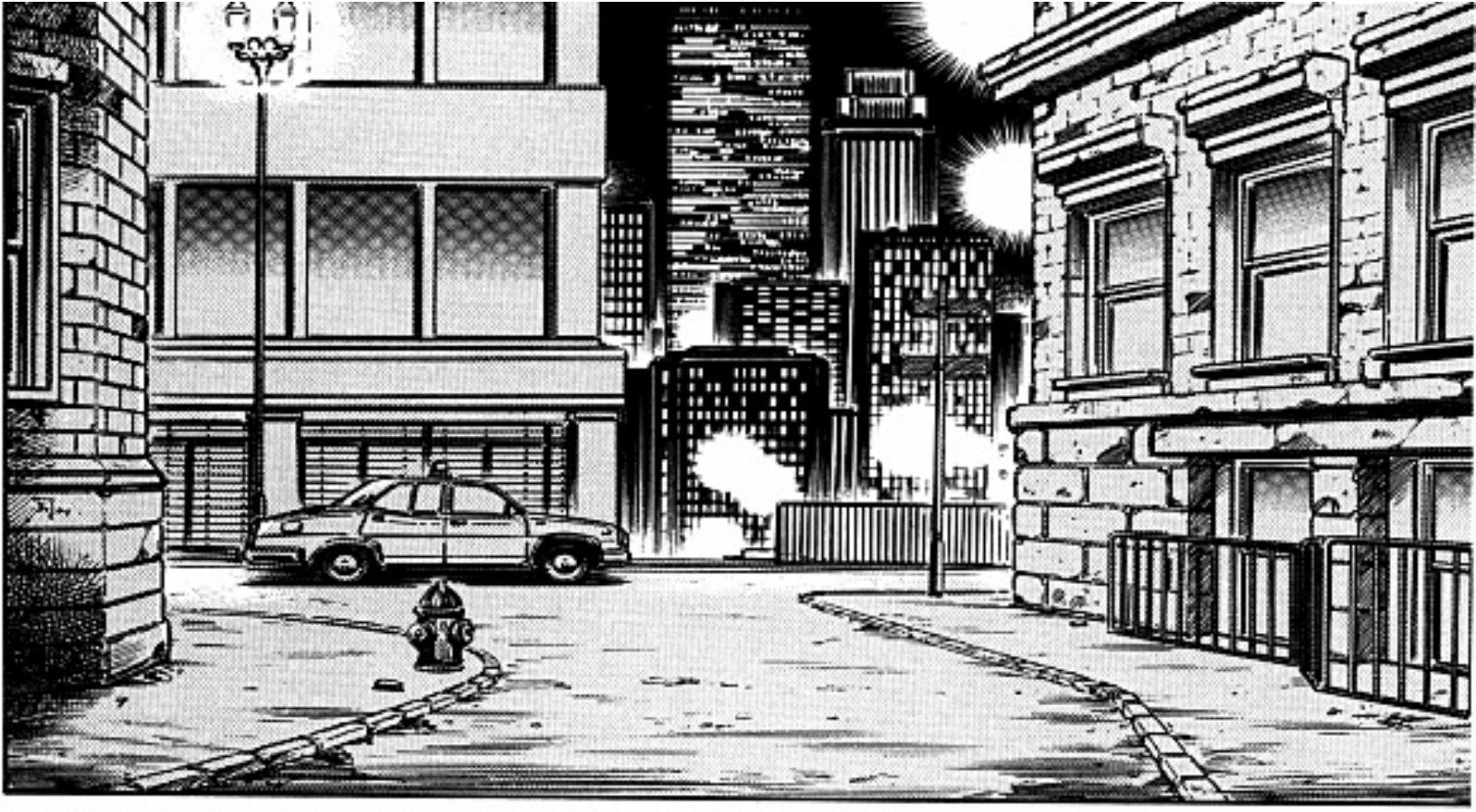
IT GOT HIM... I GUESS IT CAN'T BE DIFFUSED...
MARIE!!

MARIE
MARIE
IF YOU AREN'T HAPPY WITH THE SYSTEM, WHAT'S WRONG WITH OPENLY CHALLENGING IT IN COURT!!
IT'S CRAZY!!
WHAT'S SO AMUSING ABOUT USING SOMETHING LIKE THAT!!
MARIE...
I UNDERSTAND WELL ENOUGH...
I'M SORRY...

UH-HUH... AND TER-RORISTS...
STILL, ANY WAY YOU TAKE IT, WE CAN ONLY FIGHT A DEFENSIVE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM.
BUT EVEN THOUGH I GET IT, TO SEE THE RESULT BEFORE MY VERY EYES IS JUST UNBEARABLE.
CAT
ALWAYS...CAN INDISCRIMI-NATELY ATTACK CIVILIANS...
SO THAT THE ONES WHO PAY THE PRICE ARE THE INNOCENT...
MARIE
I SHALL ALWAYS DESPISE TERROR... FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE.
(sfx) clench



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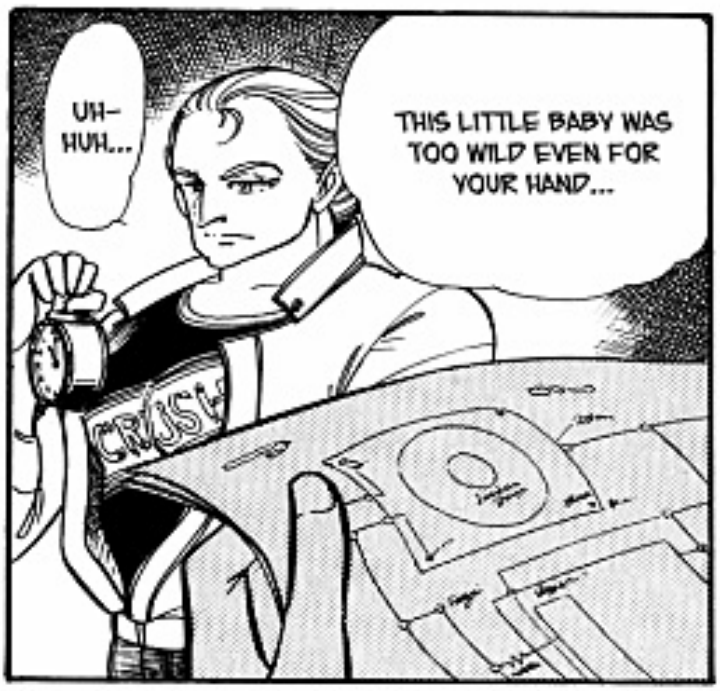
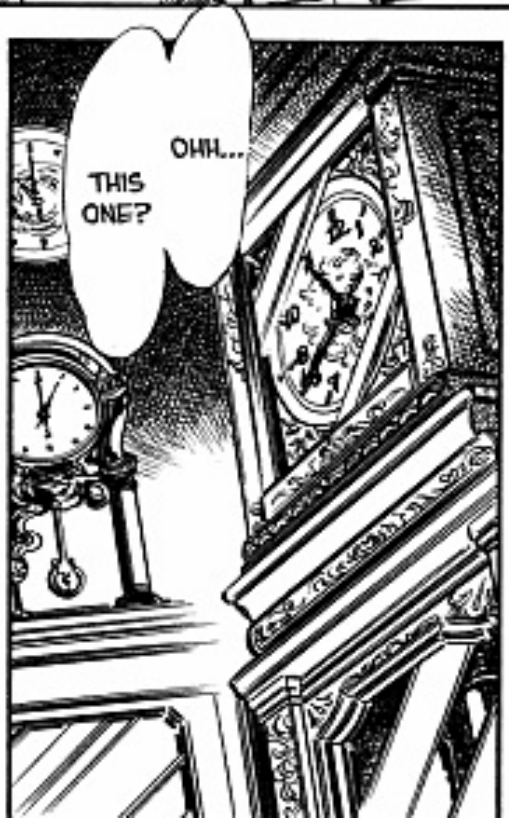

UH-HUH...
THIS LITTLE BABY WAS TOO WILD EVEN FOR YOUR HAND...

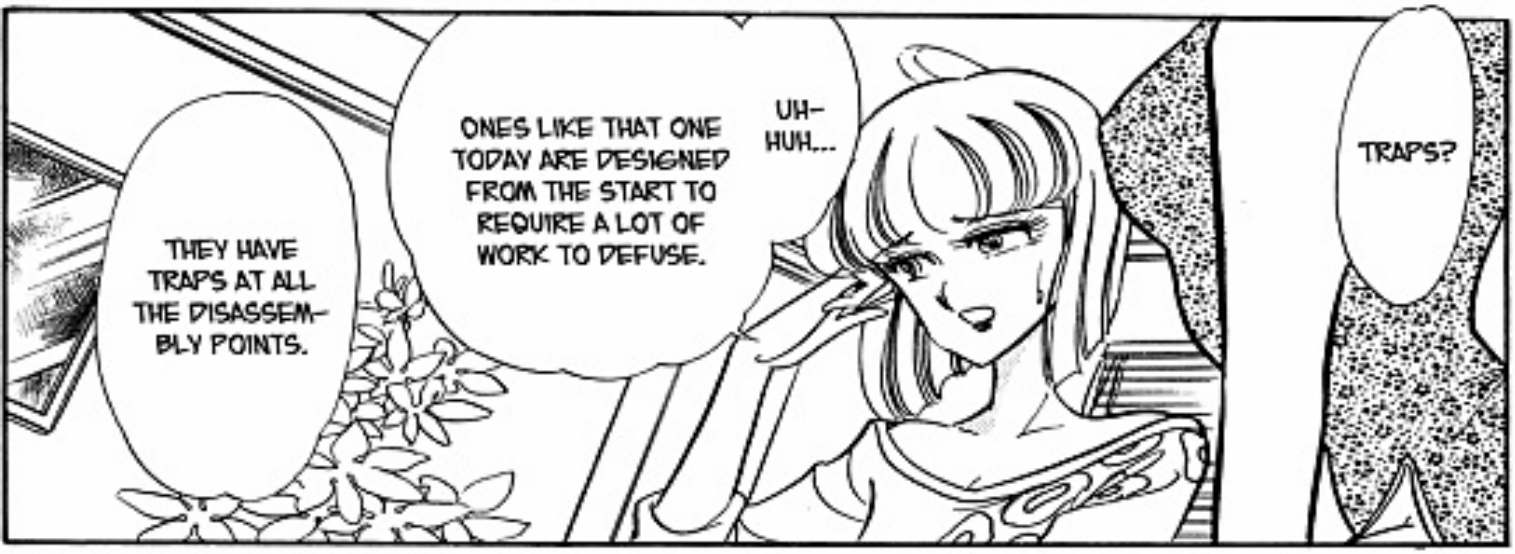

OHH...
THIS ONE?

IT WAS THE FINAL DRILL IN THE BOMB SQUAD TRAINING: A TT10 ANTI-TANK MINE...
THE FIRST TIME WAS WHEN I WAS IN THE OLD SOVIET ARMY.
THERE HAVE BEEN... THREE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES IN MY LIFETIME THAT I COULDN'T DEFUSE.
YOU CON-STRUCTED IT, PROFES-SOR.
SEEMS YOU WERE REALLY CRUSHED BY IT.
KU KU KU... YOU STILL REMEMBER THAT, HUH...
AND NOW... TODAY'S NEW AND IMPROVED BONNIE Q...
A CLIPPER TYPE TIME BOMB.
WAS IN AN UNDER-GROUND PARKING GARAGE IN PORTLAND.
THE NEXT ONE
WE CALLED IT AN ANTI-TANK MINE, BUT WE COULD NEVER HAVE MASS-PRODUCED IT.
WAS MADE ESPECIALLY FOR TESTING TRAINING RECRUITS THAT DEMONSTRATED A KNACK FOR IT...
THE TT10

IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN THE CHICAGO ENGINEER MADE THAT... UH-HUH...
THE ELECTRONICS AND MACHINERY WERE INTEGRATED INTO A HYBRID... IT WAS TRULY INGENIOUS.
THE PORTLAND CLIPPER WAS...A MASTERPIECE OF A TIME BOMB.
JUST A SIMPLE SOUND SENSOR ATTACHED.
KU KU KU...
SHADDAP!!

JESSICA CLEARKIN, FIRST BATTALION COMPANY SIX, COMMANDER OF BOMB SQUAD ONE IN THE FORMER SOVIET ARMY...?
SO...WHAT IS IT YOU WANTED TO ASK ME?
NO...YOU NAILED IT, PROFESSOR KINSKY.
AM I WRONG?
I THINK THAT'S RIGHT...I DO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MY MEMORY, BUT...
I WAS HOPING... YOU HAD A HINT ON HOW TO DEFUSE IT...
THAT BONNIE Q...OR RATHER I THINK WE SHOULD CALL IT THE NEW AND IMPROVED BONNIE Q...
EH?
THAT'S MY JESSICA... YOU SENSED IT.
I HAVE A FEELING THIS BOMB... IS SOMETHING QUITE NEW AND DIFFERENT FROM OTHER TYPES.
I'M NOT SAD THAT I COULDN'T DEFUSE IT...

DEFUSING BOMBS IS A KIND OF GAME.
GAME?
DEFUSING THOSE IS JUST A MATTER OF STAYING CALM AND TAKING THEM APART BY THE BOOK.
THEY DON'T CONTAIN ANY TRAPS...
THE TERRORISTS POSE THE RIDDLES AND WE AT CAT TRY TO ANSWER THEM...
YES... WHERE YOU BET YOUR LIFE.
NOOO...
HOW IS IT DIFFERENT THAN A LAND MINE OR UNEXPLOD-ED SHELL?


TRAPS?
UH-HUH...
ONES LIKE THAT ONE TODAY ARE DESIGNED FROM THE START TO REQUIRE A LOT OF WORK TO DEFUSE.
THEY HAVE TRAPS AT ALL THE DISASSEM-BLY POINTS.

YOU MEAN WHOEVER MADE THE BONNIE Q WAS PRETTY SMART?
SO...IT'S A BATTLE OF WITS BETWEEN US AND THE TERRORIST?
I FELT... REALLY AWFUL FOR COMMANDER BLECHERS.
IN THE END THERE WERE TWO WE COULDN'T DEFUSE...
I BELIEVE PROBABLY... A GENIUS.
THE AMOUNT OF DATA WE HAVE IS BASICALLY A BLANK.
Y'SEE ...
WE DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND IT'S CON-STRUC-TION...
TWO HAVE ALREADY EXPLOD-ED.
WHAT I FEAR IS THAT A THIRD MIGHT APPEAR...
I HATE SAY THIS, BUT AT THIS POINT ALL WE CAN DO IS PRAY A THIRD ONE DOESN'T APPEAR.

Moscow 9:00 AM
Paris 7:00 AM
Rio de Janeiro
3:00 AM
San Fransisco 10:00 PM

New York
1:00 AM
TH-
THAT'S...
REALLY...!?
JA
YES...I
AM...
I'LL
CALL
EVERY-
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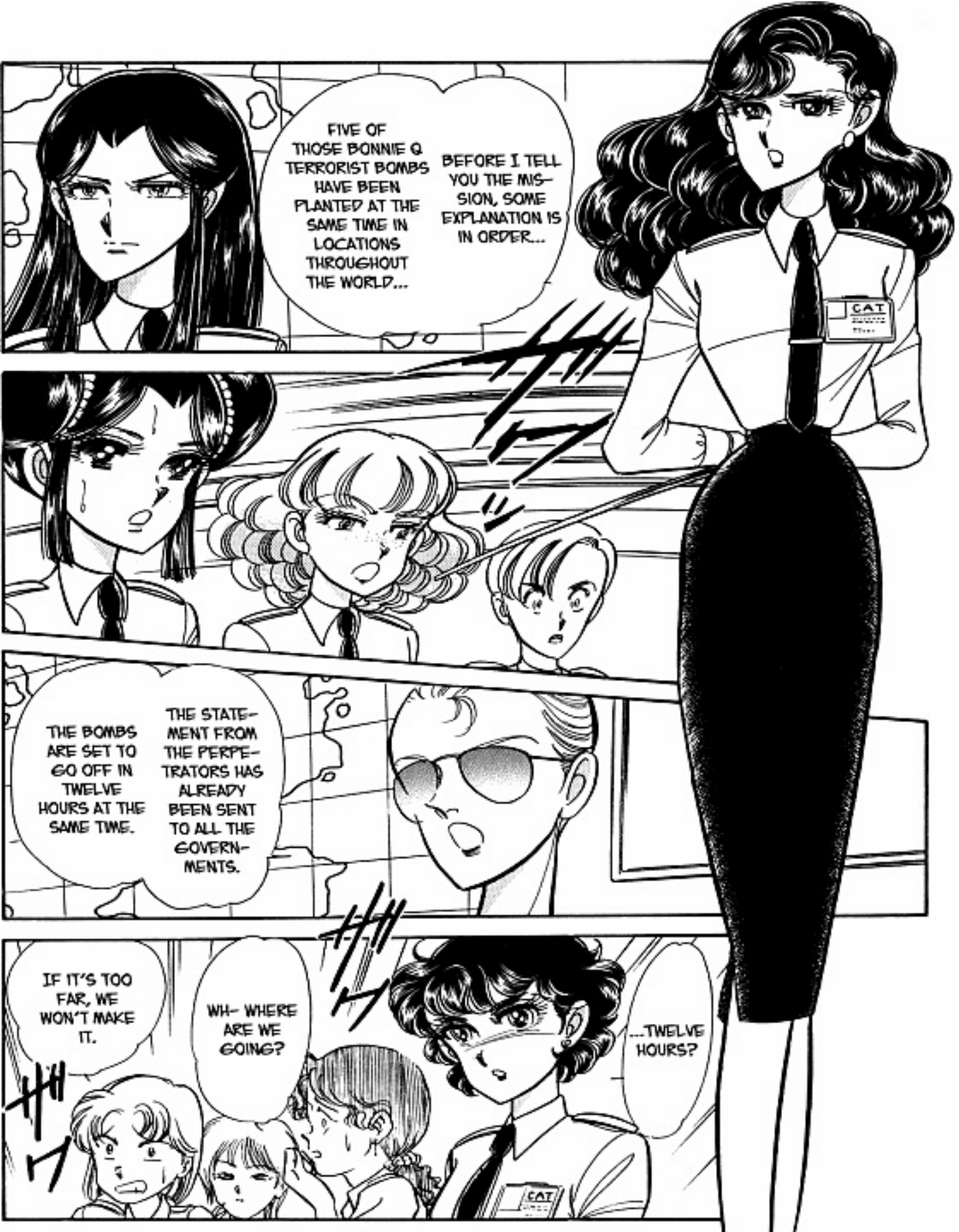
WHAT IS IT...TO BE CALLED OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...
I'M SLEE-PY...
ATTENTION!!


FIVE OF THOSE BONNIE Q TERRORIST BOMBS HAVE BEEN PLANTED AT THE SAME TIME IN LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD...
BEFORE I TELL YOU THE MISSION, SOME EXPLANATION IS IN ORDER...
CAT
THE BOMBS ARE SET TO GO OFF IN TWELVE HOURS AT THE SAME TIME.
THE STATEMENT FROM THE PERPETRATORS HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO ALL THE GOVERNMENTS.
IF IT'S TOO FAR, WE WON'T MAKE IT.
WH- WHERE ARE WE GOING?
...TWELVE HOURS?
CAT

...AND ...NEW YORK ...
CAT
IN PARIS IT'S THE LOUVRE ART MUSEUM. IN MOSCOW THE DOME AT THE TRAIN STATION.
IN RIO IT'S THE CENTRAL ARCADE IN THE HEART OF THE CITY.
THE BOMB IN CISCO IS ON ONE OF THE GIRDERS OF THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE.
A LONG TIME AGO...A BIG GORILLA IN A MOVIE CLIMBED IT.
THE TOP FLOOR OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING.
ARE JESSICA AND COLLEEN ALREADY ON SITE?
OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO BLOW THEM UP, RIGHT? THERE'S NO WAY TO DEFUSE THEM.
AND THEY ALSO BLOW UP IF THE DEFUSING FAILS.
IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING, IN TWELVE HOURS THEY GO BOOM!!
THE BOMBS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CHECKED OUT. THE TIMERS HAVE ALL BEEN ACTIVATED.
CAT

WHICH MEANS... FOUR IN THE MORN-ING...
IF THEY CAN'T DEFUSE IT...EIGHT HOURS BEFORE THE DEADLINE THEY'LL HAVE TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL EVACUA-TION ANNOUNCEMENT.
YES...
!!
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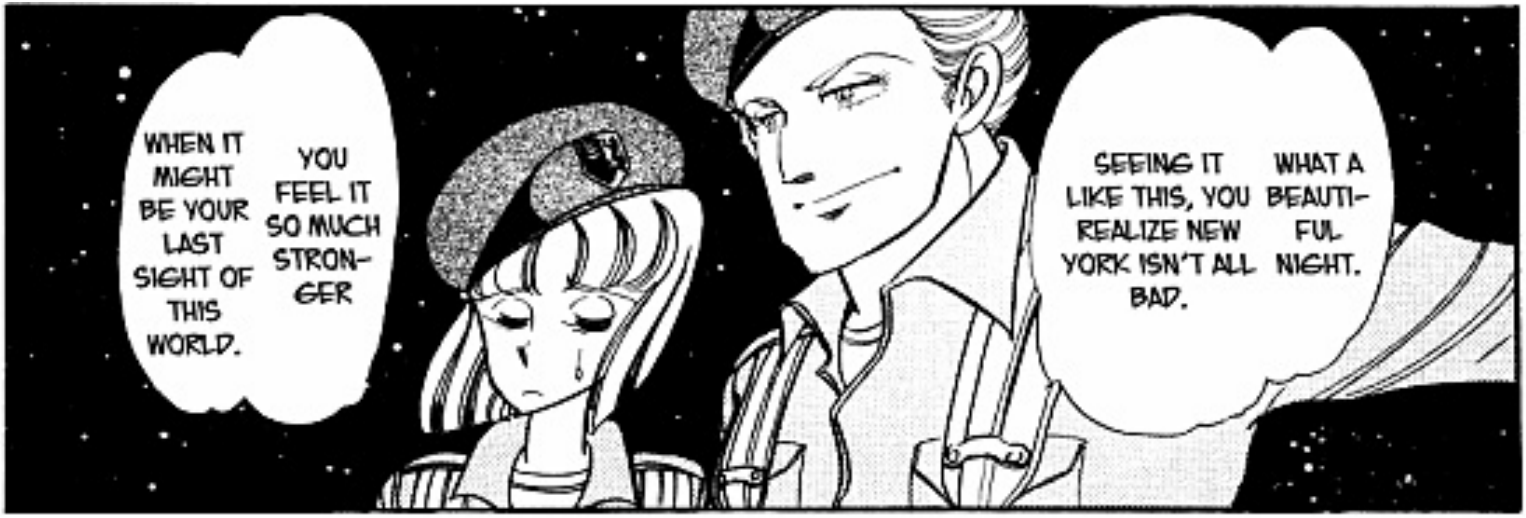
BUT...IF THEY MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT FOUR...IT WILL THROW MANHATTAN INTO A PANIC.
THEN...WE BARELY HAVE THREE HOURS!!
THAT PANIC... IS WHAT THE TER-RORISTS WANT.
IF THEY ISSUE THE ANNOUNCE-MENT THEN... MAINTAINING ORDER WILL BE...
I MEAN...BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX IS WHEN THE PEOPLE COMING FROM ALL NIGHTERS GET JOSTLED UP WITH THE ONES LEAVING FOR WORK.
NEW YORK IS SET TO GO OFF TODAY... AT HIGH NOON



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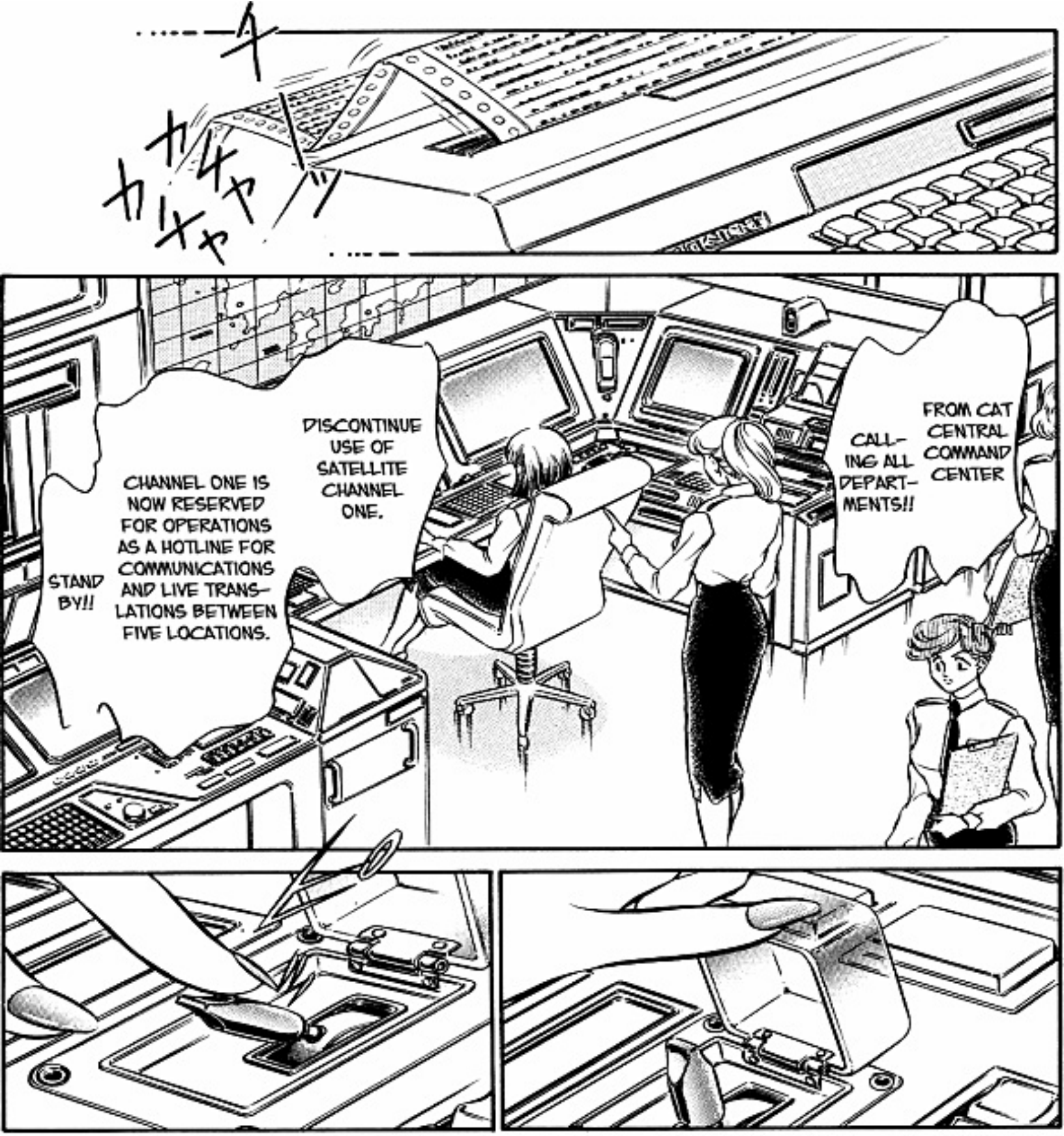
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STAND BY!!
CHANNEL ONE IS NOW RESERVED FOR OPERATIONS AS A HOTLINE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND LIVE TRANSLATIONS BETWEEN FIVE LOCATIONS.
DISCONTINUE USE OF SATELLITE CHANNEL ONE.
CALLING ALL DEPARTMENTS!!
FROM CAT CENTRAL COMMAND CENTER

SATELLITE CHANNEL 1

MAN-HATTAN
STAND BY OK. CONDITION GREEN!!
I FEEL LIKE A GORIL-LA.
CISCO HERE!!
OK!! WE CAN START ANY TIME.
THIS IS... MOS-COW.
WE'VE GOT A LITTLE STATIC, BUT RE-CEPTION IS OK.
PARIS... HERE. GOOD RECEP-TION.
RIO DE JANEIRO HERE. LOUD AND CLEAR!!

WE ENCOUNTERED THE SAME TYPE AT SAINT NIKOLAI CHURCH LAST WEEK. THE TRIGGERING PASSWORD IS UNKNOWN!!
THIS IS SOBOROV OF THE FIFTH REGIMENT, SPECIAL UNIT, FORMER SOVIET ARMY.
!!
SOBOROV!? YURI SOB-OROV...
IN
INTERFACE, SENSORS, BATTERY, AND POWDER.
WE'VE NAMED THIS DEVICE GALIL. IT'S BASICALLY COMPRISED OF FOUR UNITS.

THERE'S A TRAP IF YOU ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE SCREW CONNECTING THE INTERFACE COVER.
THERE'S A LIGHT SENSOR, A MOTION SENSOR, A GYRO SENSOR, AND A WEIGHT SENSOR.
GOING BY THE LATEST DATA WE HAVE,
THE EXPLOSIVE IS 2.5 KILOS OF COMP B.
IT CONTROLS THE PROTECTOR AND SENSORS ON EACH UNIT.
THERE'S A FOUR MEGABIT COMPUTER INSIDE THE INTERFACE UNIT.
ALL UNITS INCLUDING EVEN THE POWDER ITSELF ARE RIGGED WITH SENSORS.
IT'S MORE THAN TWICE AS POWERFUL AS C-4...
SO IT'S A MIX OF PLASTIC WITH TNT...
COMP B 2.5!?
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GEH... ABOUT...A TON OF EXPLOSIVES.
A KILO OF C4 IS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO 250 KILOS OF THE EXPLOSIVE USED IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR...SO WITH COMP B...

WELL... WHO'S GONNA TAKE IT APART?
WE'VE HARDLY GOT ANY DATA...
LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE RUSSIAN ROU-LETTE...

OUR MAN BLECHERS GOT THAT FAR WITH IT...
USING A NIGHT-SCOPE, OPEN THE INTERFACE AND PAINT OVER THE LIGHT SENSOR TO DESTROY IT.
YOU HARDEN THE MOTION AND GYRO SENSORS WITH EPOXY ROSIN AND MAKE THEM SHUT UP.
RIGHT, MANHAT-TAN?
IN OTHER WORDS... SOMEONE'S GOTTA TAKE IT FURTHER...
THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT, SAN FRANCIS-CO
.....
WE HAVE FOUR CHANCES...TO DO IT OVER.
IF THAT TEAM FAILS, WE START AGAIN FROM THERE.
I GUESS...WE'D BETTER DETERMINE THE ORDER. CAT COMMAND CENTER IS THERE AN OPERATOR AVAILABLE!?

I DON'T HAVE A DIE.
MANHATTAN IS TWO, THEN CISCO, MOSCOW, PARIS, AND RIO IN ORDER...
ONE DOESN'T COUNT. TWO THROUGH SIX WILL DECIDE IT.
THROW A DIE.
Y- YES!!
I- I'LL MAKE ONE.
MONO
WE WON'T HOLD IT AGAINST YOU.

TSK...
I GUESS IT IS GOD'S WILL.
AFTER EIGHTEEN TRIES...5 6 3 4 2 SO THE ORDER IS PARIS, RIO, CISCO, MOSCOW, AND MANHATTAN.
JEAN!! A CLIP!
WE'RE STARTING FROM DESTROYING THE LIGHT SENSOR.
I'M DUTEMPS FROM THE FRENCH NAVY. I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU.
COLLEEN
GIVE ME A CLIP.

ATCH
HMM... ABOUT LIKE THAT.
I'VE ALREADY SET EVERY TRAP I CAN THINK OF...
NOW... LESSEE... WHAT DO I FEED IT NOW...

IF YOU TAKE OUT THE SCREW ...
BUT IF IT'S JUST FOR THE INTERFACE AND TIMER CONTROL, WHY DOES IT HAVE FOUR MEGS?
THEY SAID THE INTERFACE COMPUTER IS FOUR MEGS,
IT ACTIVATES...
OR IF YOU RELEASE THE BELT ON THE EXPLOSIVE...IT ACTIVATES!!
IT ACTIVATES!!
IF YOU BREAK THE GYRO LOCK
SIXTY POINTS
WELL... THAT MUCH ANYONE WOULD DO.
WHICH MEANS... THE TWO RED AND FIVE BLACK CORDS COMING OUT OF THE COMPUTER ARE DUMMIES.
HMM
THE LIGHT SENSOR
ACTIVATES AS WELL.

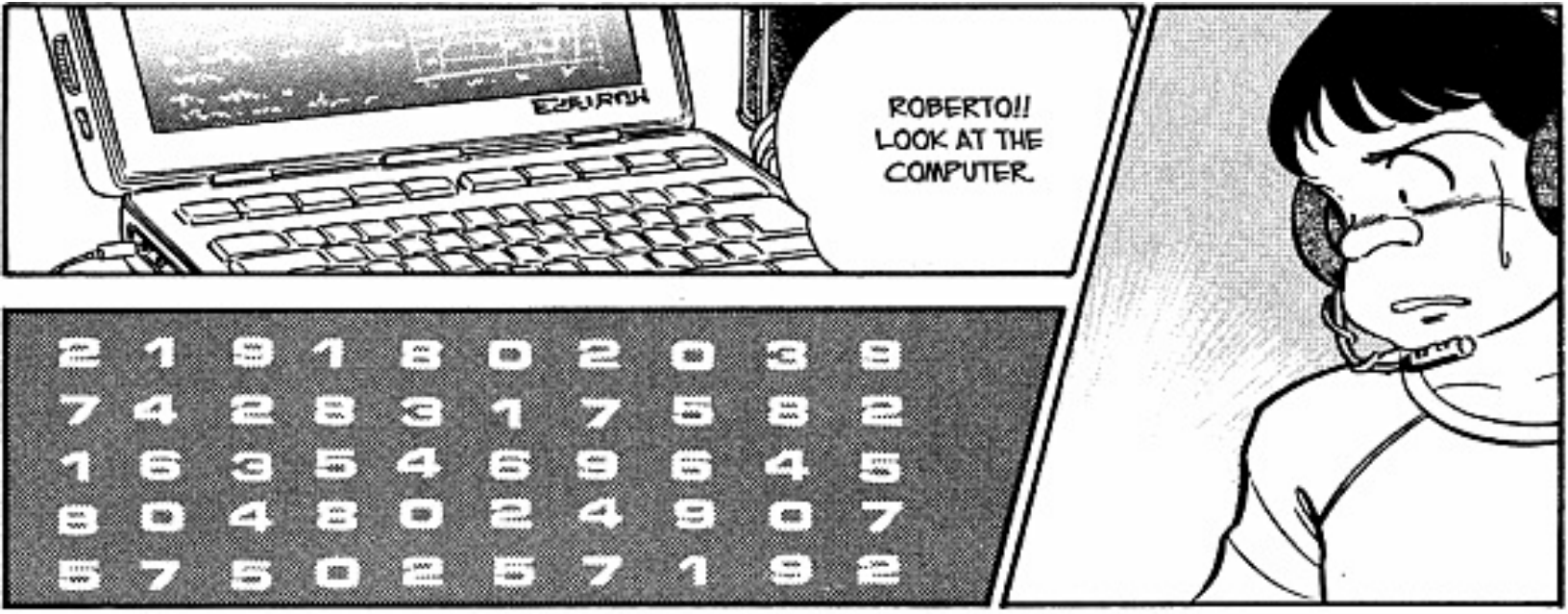
Fine...let's get past this computer.
SONY
VIDEO
What's... this lead line...
THAT'S THE CORRECT SEQUENCE.
YOU INDEED DISARM THE COMPUTER.
IF YOU'VE SILENCED THE MOTION, GYRO, AND LIGHT SENSORS,
!
LEAD LINE?
DAMN...
THE IDIOT IS BLOCK-ING MY VIEW WITH HIS BODY.
LEAD LINE? WHAT?...HEY!! WHERE'S A LEAD LINE!?
SONY

TERMINALS 1 THRU 8 FROM THE RIGHT ON THE COMPUTER UNIT HAVE NO CONDUCTION. THEY'RE PROBABLY DUMMIES.
NUMBER 9 HAS A BLUE LEAD INSERTED... THAT'S PROBABLY THE GROUND....
I'M CLIPPING IT.

OPERATOR!! WHAT HAP-PENED!?
THEY'VE... STOPPED... TRANSMITTING...
TH-THERE'S... NO SIGNAL F- FROM... PARIS...
DUTEMPS...!!
JESSICA!!

PARIS MESSED UP!! THE WEST-SIDE HALL OF THE LOUVRE WAS BLOWN OFF!!
!!
JESSICA...

THAT BLUE LEAD IS THE SCOUN-DREL...
I GUESS IT'S MY TURN.
THIS IS...RIO DE JANEIRO. I'M ROBERTO SANTOS OF THE RIO POLICE SPECIAL FORCES.
DON'T GET THE JITTERS... ANTONIO
R-ROBER-TO...
AND THAT'S ALL THE DATA WE GOT OUT OF IT...IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE A GROWN MAN CRY.
TWO PEOPLE... ARE DEAD.
snap...
ROBER-TO!!
I'M CUT-TING IT.
THE TESTER DIDN'T DETECT ANY CUR-RENT IN IT.
THE BLUE LEAD ENTERS FROM BELOW THE CHASSIS. BUT...IT ISN'T A GROUND...


ROBERTO!! LOOK AT THE COMPUTER.
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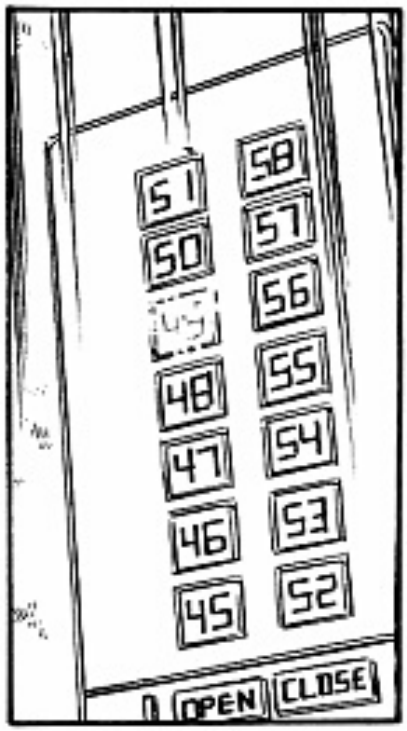
IF YOU CUT THE BLUE LEAD THAT HAS NO CURRENT, IT ACTIVATES A SIGNAL!!
ALL STATIONS!!
IF YOU ATTACH THE BLUE LEAD TO GROUND IT INITIATES THE EXPLOSION. IT'S A TRAP!!

JESSICA!! YOU'RE CALLING SOMEONE?

SO... WILL IT EX-PLODE ...
JESSICA!! I'VE GOT THE SIGNAL.

PROFES-
SOR...
I...I WANT TO GO, TOO.
HELGA!! TAKE OVER THE COMMAND CAR!!
I'M GOING TO CHECK ON JESSI-CA.
MARIE!!
BE-CAUSE THE BUILD-ING IS SO OLD.
TO GET ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP YOU HAVE TO TRANSFER TO A SECOND ELEVATOR...

UH-HUH... THAT ONE.
FROM HERE WE TAKE THE OTHER ELEVATOR.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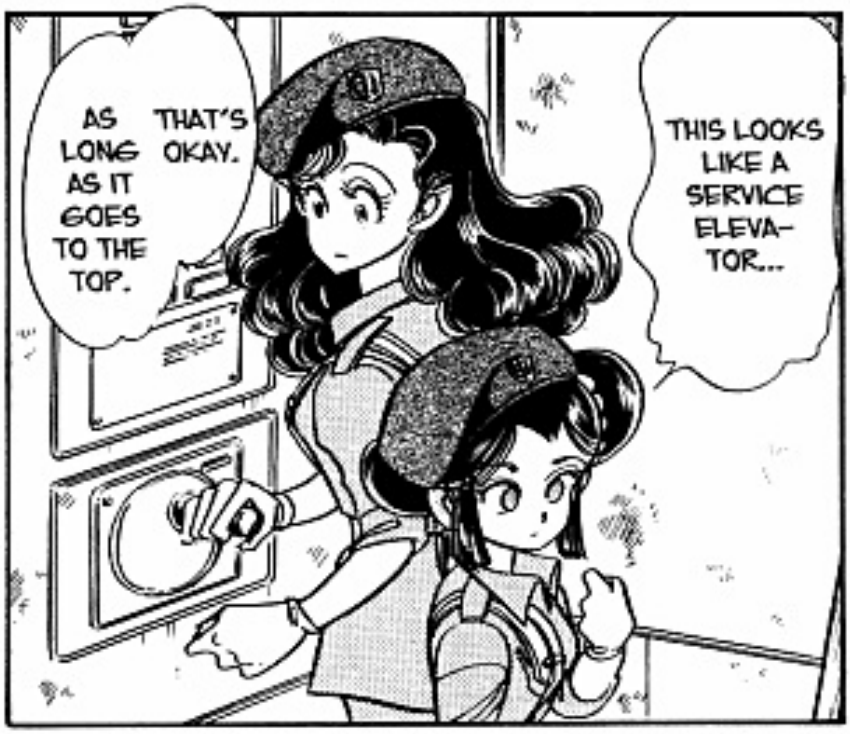
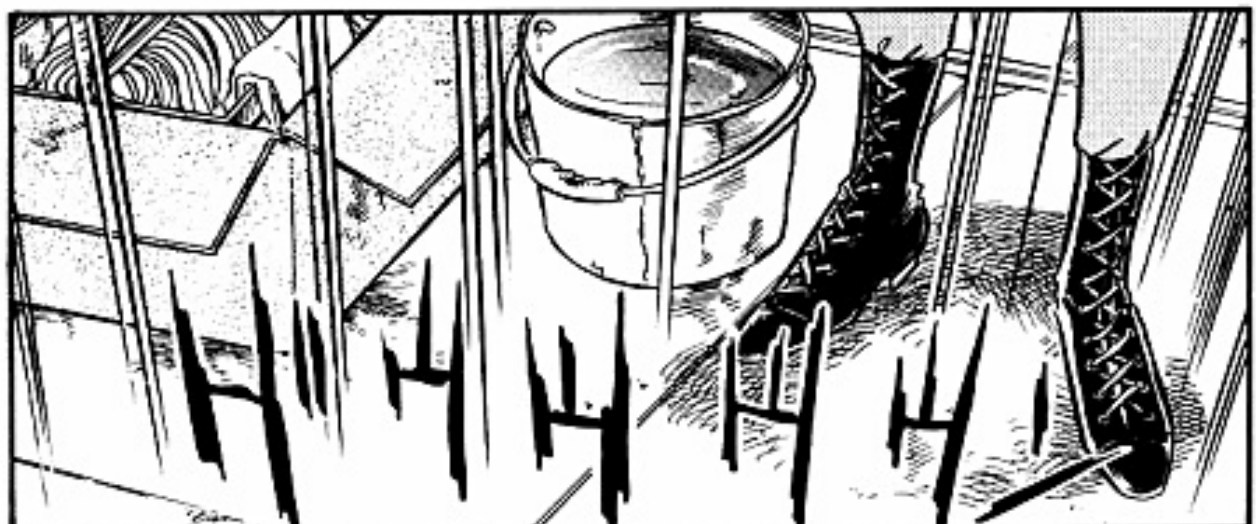

AS LONG AS IT GOES TO THE TOP.
THAT'S OKAY.
THIS LOOKS LIKE A SERVICE ELEVA-TOR...



HUH?
IT STOPPED.
WHAT?
...SHEESH... WHAT A MESS...
I NEED TO FORCE THE EMERGENCY PHONE BOX OPEN. COULD YOU HAND ME THAT MOP?
LIN!!
NO GOOD... MAYBE IT'S BROKEN.
IT SEEMS TO BE LOCKED...
EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE
HYEE ...!!

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WH- WHAT...IS THAT...
TH- THERE'S ANOTHER ONE...HERE ...
C- COMMAN- DER!!
LIN!! YOUR INTERCOM!!
I- I'M SORRY... I TOOK IT OFF.

HEH?
I WONDER... IS THIS ONE LIVE...
WH- WHAT DO WE DO?
THEN ...
IF THE BOMB WERE LIVE, IT WOULD HAVE GONE OFF THE INSTANT THE ELEVATOR MOVED...
THIS ELEVATOR. JUST NOW IT WAS MOVING.
GEH...
IT MAY JUST BE THAT THEY LEFT OUT THE MOTION SENSOR SINCE IT WOULD BE PLACED IN AN ELEVATOR.
WE AREN'T CERTAIN OF THAT YET.
WE'RE SAFE... IT'S A DUD...
へたっ

HERE'S THE PROTECTOR PASSWORD.
PUT IT ON A FLOPPY.
GET READY TO HIT RETURN.

ANTONIO
GO AHEAD AND HIT RETURN.
OKAY

HITTING RETURN

HA HA..I'M FAR FROM CAPTAIN. I'M JUST A LOWLY BADGE BANDIT.
IF I TAKE THIS OUT, MAYBE I'LL GET A PROMOTION.

WE'LL BE EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE WAY THERE.
IF WE CAN GET PAST THE COMPUTER PROTECTION,
GOOD LUCK, CAPTAIN SANTOS.

SAN...!!
CISCO ... YOU'RE UP.
R-RIO IS...

WE'RE NEXT...AREN'T WE?
IT LOOKS LIKE RIO DE JANEIRO FAILED!!
COM-MAN-DER!!
THIS THING IS JUST A BUNDLE OF TRAPS...

COM-
MAN-
DER...
IT'S
UN-
MAN-
AGE-
ABLE.
NO
HUMAN
MADE
IT.
I'VE
DIFFUSED A
LOT OF BOMBS
IN MY LIFE...
BUT I'VE
NEVER SEEN
ANYTHING LIKE
THIS.
CAT
CENTRAL
COMMAND
CENTER
THIS IS
CAPTAIN
JOHNSON
OF THE
GREEN
BERET.
IT'S
UNFORTU-
NATE...
BUT WE'RE
GIVING
THE
GOLDEN
GATE TO
THIS DEVIL.
THIS
THING
CANNOT
BE DE-
FUSED.
THIS WILL
SERVE TO
NOTIFY ALL
STATIONS THAT
I AM ABORTING
THIS DEFUSING
EFFORT.

COWARD!!
I'M NOT WILLING TO COMMIT COLLEC-TIVE SUI-CIDE.
SAY WHAT YOU WILL,
This is Soborov in Moscow. Wish me luck.
Fine... then I guess it's my turn.
...IMPOSSIBLE... JESSICA... JESSICA CLEARKIN!!
!!
カン
IT'S BEEN A WHILE... YURI...
HAVEN'T I HEARD YOUR VOICE SOMEWHERE BEFORE?
MANHAT-TAN!!

AH... HELGA... NO... NEITHER THE COMMANDER NOR LIN IS HERE...
IT'S BEEN...EIGHT YEARS... SINCE THEN...
WEIRD...IT'S BEEN MORE THAN TWENTY MINUTES SINCE THEY WENT UP TO SEE HOW YOUR WERE DOING...
!
!
HELGA!!
ONE OF THE ELEVATORS THAT GOES TO THE TOP HAS STOPPED.
HE WANTS MARIE TO JUDGE FOR HERSELF WHETHER TO ABORT THE MISSION...
THE COLONEL SENT WORD THAT SINCE BOTH PARIS AND RIO ARE GONE AND CISCO BAILED,
!

THERE'S NO ONE WE CAN CALL FOR HELP ON THIS FLOOR...
EVEN IF WE HAD A ROPE... THERE'S SO MUCH OIL IT WOULD BE TOO SLIPPERY...
NO GOOD...
I CAN'T REACH IT...
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DISARM IT...
UH-HUH...
THIS THING!?

IN TIME, ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE SAME END.

AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY TOOLS.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! EVEN JESSICA GAVE UP ON IT...AND PARIS FAILED...

BECAUSE... IT HAS EX-PLOSIVE...

WHY DOES A BOMB BLOW UP...?

WHAT...ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT...

DIS-MANTLE IT.

YOU APPLY FIRE...OR A STRONG SHOCK...

AND...HOW DO YOU MAKE THAT EXPLO-SIVE BLOW UP...?

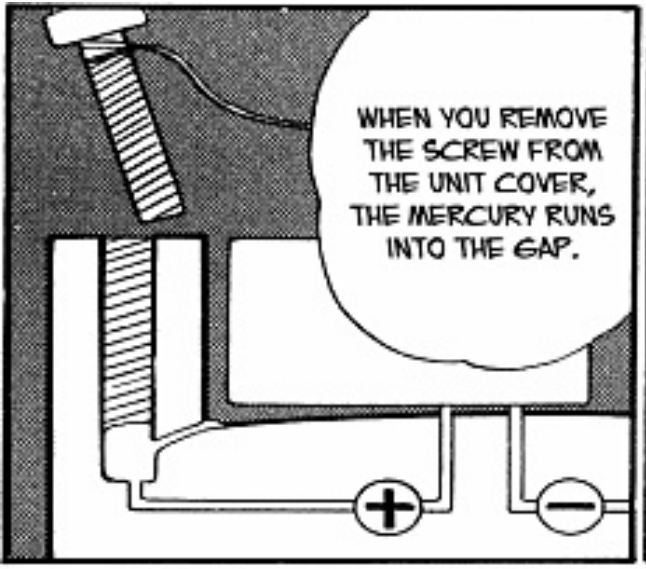
UM...

IF THERE'S NO EXPLOSIVE THERE'S NO EXPLOSION...
OR...
THERE'S NO EX-PLOSION.
IN OTHER WORDS...IF YOU DON'T APPLY FIRE OR A SHOCK...
BUT...THERE IS ONE PLACE WHERE THERE AREN'T ANY TRAPS...
IF YOU SO MUCH AS POKE IT, IT WILL BLOW UP.
THIS THING IS RIDDLED WITH EVERY KIND OF POSSIBLE TRAP.
BUT...I DON'T REALLY SEE WHAT YOU ARE SAYING...
I know I'm not very quick...
HEH?
YOU CAN'T VERY WELL PUT ANY TRICKERY THERE.
INSIDE THE EX-PLOSIVE ITSELF.

IN OTHER WORDS... YOU'LL REMOVE... THE IGNI-TION...
YOU APPLY A SHOCK TO A PRIMER...OR ELECTRIC CURRENT TO IGNITE A FLAME AN SET OFF THE EXPLOSION.
NO MATTER HOW COMPLICATED THE BOMB, IT STILL FOLLOWS A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE.
I'LL MAKE IT SO THERE IS NOTHING TO IGNITE...
OR...EVEN IF IT FIRES
I'M GOING TO REMOVE THE EXPLOSIVE...

PROFESSOR!! I'VE BEEN CALLING AND CALLING.
Jessica!!
!!
BOTH PARIS AND RIO DE JANEIRO FAILED... CISCO HAS ABORTED.
I SEE...
...IT MAKES SENSE
WE GOT THE COMPUTER PASSWORD...
BUT WE CAN'T HIT RETURN. WHEN RIO TRIED...
THROW IN THE TOWEL ...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
The bottom line is that it can't be defused.
MAY BE MERCURY TRAPS.
THOSE THREE WEIRD HORIZONTAL WELDING LINES ON THE INTERFACE UNIT...
ONCE THE MAIN SWITCH IS ACTIVATED, EVEN THE PERSON WHO MADE IT CAN'T DEFUSE IT.
IT'S A DEVIL-MADE BOMB...
MERCU-RY!!
AS THE UNIT HEATS UP, THE MERCURY IN THOSE HOLES WASHES OUT INSIDE THE UNIT.
THE COM-PUTER STARTS RUNNING.
ONCE THE MAIN SWITCH IS ENGAGED,


WHEN YOU REMOVE THE SCREW FROM THE UNIT COVER, THE MERCURY RUNS INTO THE GAP.
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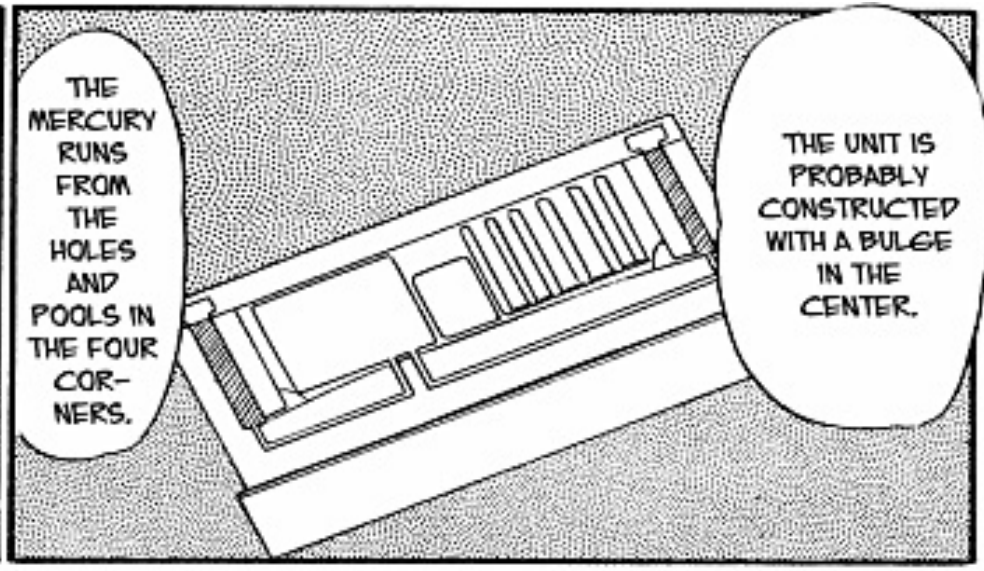
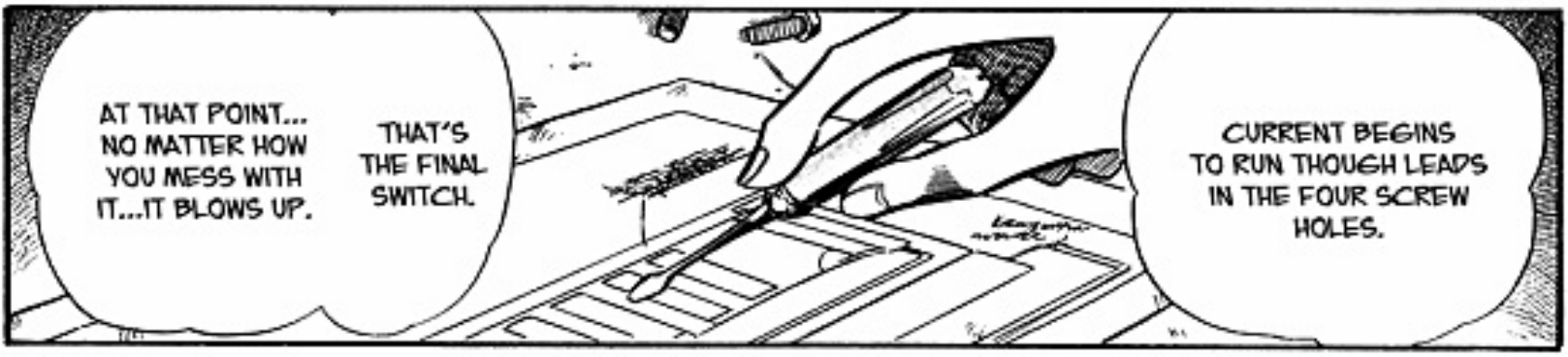

THE MERCURY RUNS FROM THE HOLES AND POOLS IN THE FOUR CORNERS.
THE UNIT IS PROBABLY CONSTRUCTED WITH A BULGE IN THE CENTER.


AT THAT POINT... NO MATTER HOW YOU MESS WITH IT...IT BLOWS UP.
THAT'S THE FINAL SWITCH.
CURRENT BEGINS TO RUN THOUGH LEADS IN THE FOUR SCREW HOLES.

WHAT DO WE DO!?
PROFES-SOR!!

ALL THOSE SENSORS AND TRAPS... ARE JUST A GAME.
EVEN IF YOU PUT IT BACK ON, IT'S TOO LATE...

WHEN WE OPENED THE INTERFACE COVER...
THEN...
NO WAY!!

THERE'S NO OTHER WAY.
GET THE HELL OUT!
...IT CAN'T BE...
...THREE GRAMS...
IF I CAN GET THREE GRAMS AT A TIME... WE SHOULD BE OKAY.

I DON'T THINK ANYTHING KIND OF TRAP IS RIGGED TO THE EXPLOSIVE.
IF I UNCLASP THE BELT OR LIFT UP THE BAG, I EXPECT THE SENSORS WILL SET IT OFF.
A THOUSAND TIMES...IS THREE KILOS...
BETTER GET TO WORK.
IT HAS 2.5 KILOS...
JUST... HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU HAVE TO DO IT?
MY HEAD IS SPINNING.
THAT IS TO SAY...IF I CAN GET 2.5 KILOS OUT WE'LL BE OKAY.
BUT IF I CAN EXTRACT THREE GRAMS OF EXPLOSIVE AT A TIME...
THREE GRAMS AT A TIME... LIFTED AWAY
BUT IF YOU PUT TOO MUCH IN AT ONCE, IT MIGHT EXPLODE.
ahhh! this is bad for my heart...
YOU CAN PUT IT LITTLE BY LITTLE IN THIS BUCKET.
WILL THIS WORK?

IF YOU RUN AWAY, YOU CAN'T WIN...
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL IN EIGHT YEARS...
BUT...IF YOU WANT TO ASK ME THE RESULT, I'LL NEED A BIT MORE TIME BEFORE I CAN ANSWER.
JESSICA... DEFECTION IS NOT THE SAME AS RUNNING AWAY.
NO MATTER HOW THICK THE ICE, IT MELTS WHEN THE SUN COMES OUT.
YURI...YOU HEARD THAT JUST NOW. WE'VE DRAWN THE LOSING CARD THIS TIME...
BUT I CAN'T STAND TO LET WHO-EVER MADE THESE THINGS WIN...
IT'S EASY TO SACRI-FICE THE STATION.
WHAT WILL YOU DO? WILL YOU SACRIFICE THE STATION'S CEN-TRAL DOME?

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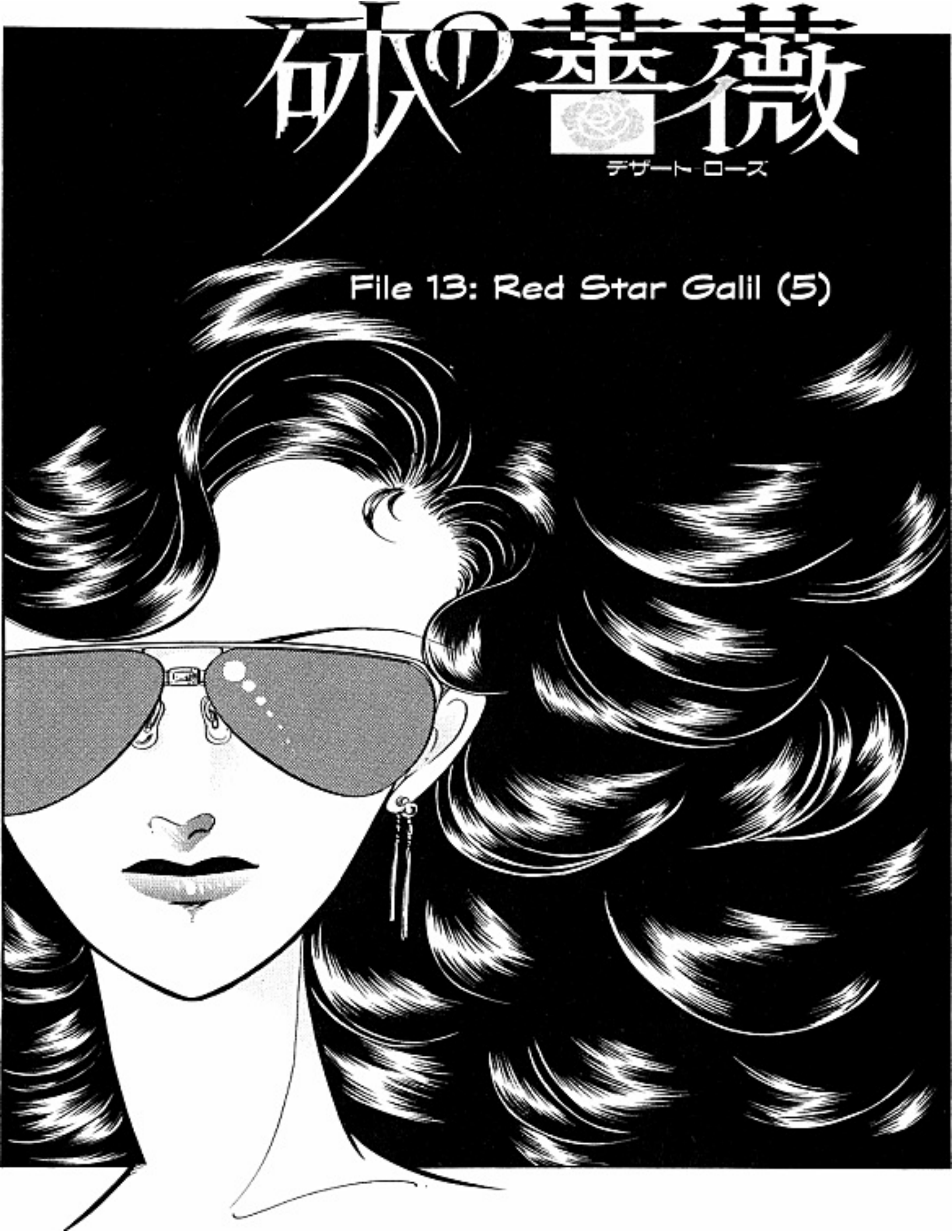
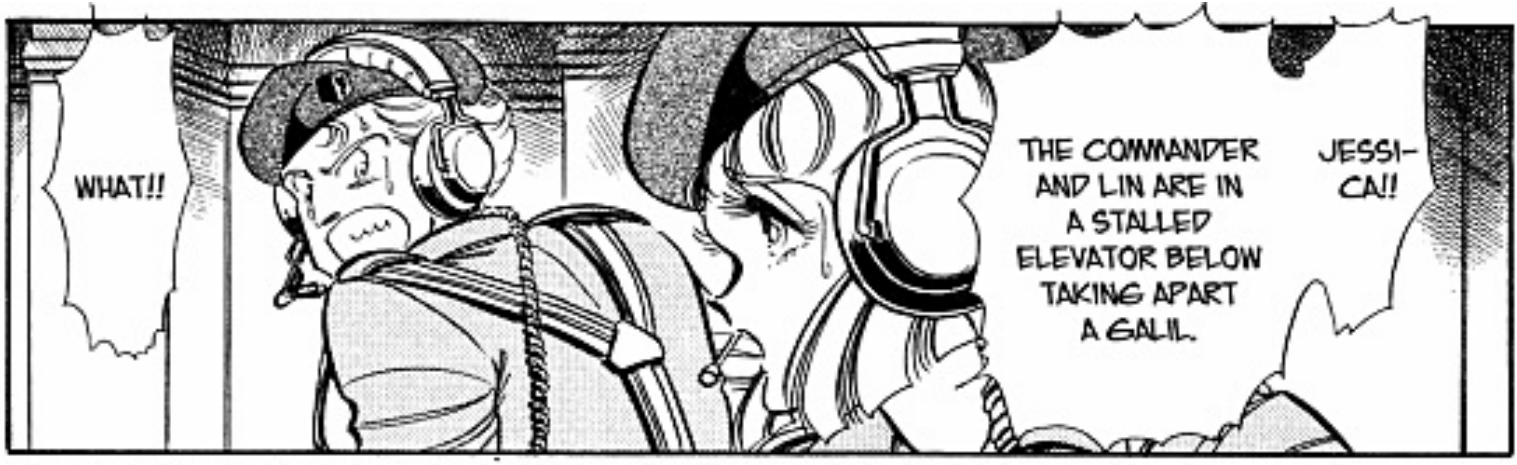


TSK!!
CISCO HAS BEGUN TO PREPARE FOR THE BLAST!!
KITCHEN UTENSILS!?
AH...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE COMMANDER HAS STARTED TAKING IT APART...
MARIE AND LIN ARE TRAPPED IN AN ELEVATOR WITH A GALIL!?
MARIE!! MARIE!!
CAN YOU HEAR? WE'RE ON THE SAME CHANNEL WITH JESSICA AND COLLEEN.
T- THEY ARE ASKING FOR A COMS UNIT AND SOME KITCHEN UTENSILS...
HURRY UP AND GET THEM OUTTA THERE!!
WHAT ARE YOU SPACING OUT FOR!?


WHAT!!
THE COMMANDER AND LIN ARE IN A STALLED ELEVATOR BELOW TAKING APART A GALIL.
JESSI-CA!!

OH...AND IF WE HAD A BAR SPOON THAT WOULD BE GOOD.
WE AREN'T GOING TO OPEN IT OR DO ANYTHING ELSE TO IT WITH KITCHEN UTENSILS...

COM-MANDER!!
CAN YOU HEAR ME!? THIS IS JES-SICA. TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.
WHAT-EVER YOU DO, DON'T REMOVE THE IN-TERFACE COVER!

KITCHEN UTENSILS? BAR SPOON?

I HEARD ALL THAT EARLIER... FROM COLLEEN.

PARIS AND RIO ARE ALREADY GONE. CISCO HAS ABORTED, AND MOSCOW IS NO GUARANTEE.
ANYWAY, HURRY UP AN GET OUT OF THERE!! AN AMATEUR HAS NO CHANCE AGAINST THAT THING.

AH...INDEED I HAVE...
dig dig
YOU ALWAYS SAY...A BOMB MAKER'S PERSONALITY COMES OUT IN THE BOMBS HE MAKES...
AND HE'S SURE WE CAN'T DO IT. WHAT'S FRIGHTENING ABOUT THESE BOMBS...
HE'S BASICALLY CHALLENGING US TO DEFUSE THEM...
BY GIVING US TWELVE HOURS TO DEFUSE THE BOMBS,
TO ME IT SEEMS...THE TRUE PURPOSE OF GALIL...
IS THAT THEY TICKLE THE PRIDE OF YOU PROFESSIONAL BOMB DEFUSERS.
...UH...
IS TO STRIP THE CONFIDENCE FROM PROS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD...

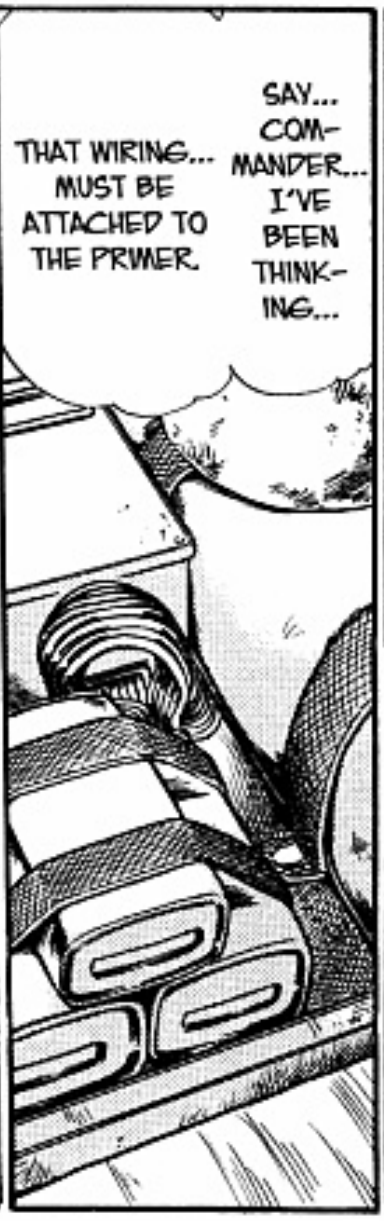
INDEED... AS I EXPECTED.
AS YOU SAID, THERE'S A TIMER IN THE ELEVATOR CONTROL ROOM.
YES
COMMANDER!! SORRY TO INTERRUPT!
IS THIS IRENE?
WHAT IS IT?
THE SENSORS ON THIS THING PROBABLY ALL ACTIVATED.
WHEN THE ELEVATOR HALTED,
THIS ELEVATOR ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE.
YOU HEARD THAT JESSICA...
YOU HAVE TO ESCAPE RIGHT NOW...
COMMANDER...

JESSI-CA!!
MOSCOW FAILED!!
WHA-...!!
THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING WILL BE BLOWN CLEAN IN TWO.
ESCAPE... AND LET THIS THING BLOW SKY HIGH?
B- BUT...

CAT OPERATOR WHAT'S HAP-PENING IN MOSCOW!?
YURI!! YURI!!
YURI... I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE SAFE.
WE TRIED REMOVING ALL THE MERCU-RY...
WE TRIED USING A REMOTE-CONTROL ROBOT, BUT IT WAS A FAILURE.
Jessica... can you hear? It was a failure...
WHAT WILL YOU DO... YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT...
THE CENTRAL DOME OVER THE STATION WAS BLOWN RIGHT OFF.
YURI!!

THE COMMANDER... IS TAKING IT OUT...
NO...THERE ARE TWO LEFT. THERE'S ANOTHER IN AN ELEVATOR...

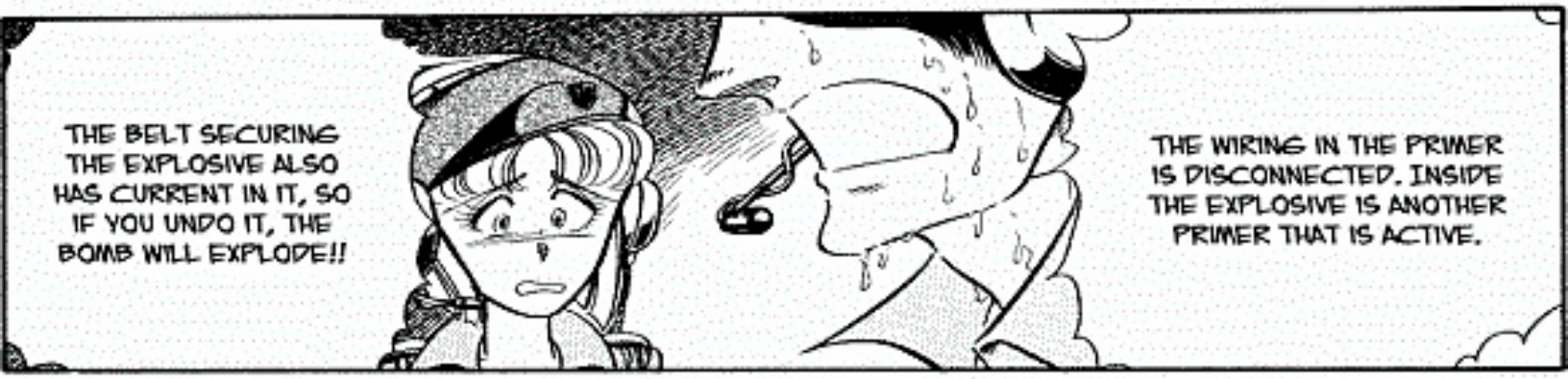
IF WE JUST... SHOUTED "HAI-YA" AND YANKED IT OUT ALL AT ONCE, IT WOULDN'T EXPLODE, RIGHT?
AHH... MAYBE SO.


THAT WIRING... MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE PRIMER.
SAY... COM-MANDER... I'VE BEEN THINK-ING...

WITH THIS YOU'VE TAKEN OUT FIVE HUN-DRED GRAMS... ONLY...TWO KILOS TO GO...

I FEEL LIKE I'M REMOVING ALL THE SAND FROM A DESERT.

JESSICA... YOU DON'T HAVE TO YELL.
Lin, you idiot!! Stop!!


THE BELT SECURING THE EXPLOSIVE ALSO HAS CURRENT IN IT, SO IF YOU UNDO IT, THE BOMB WILL EXPLODE!!
THE WIRING IN THE PRIMER IS DISCONNECTED. INSIDE THE EXPLOSIVE IS ANOTHER PRIMER THAT IS ACTIVE.

JESSI-CA..
...SHEESH... WHAT DO I DO WITH AMATEURS....

SIX O'CLOCK... HUH...WE'VE GOT SIX MORE HOURS...

TELL HER TO COME DO IT HER-SELF.
IRENE
HELGA SAYS TO GET THE COMMANDER OUT OF THERE IF YOU HAVE TO HOOK HER BY THE NECK...

THAT'S THE POWER SUPPLY FOR THE COMPUT-ER.
I THINK THE PRIMARY WON'T GET ANY POWER...
IF WE CUT THE CORD COMING OUT OF THIS BATTERY,
ER...UM... AS OF NOW... EIGHT HUNDRED GRAMS...
OKAY... WEIGH IT.
THAT'S PROBABLY THE ONE INSIDE THE CHASSIS.
ALL THAT'S NEEDED TO SET OFF THE EXPLOSION IS ONE MERCURY BATTERY.
WE'RE CUTTING IT CLOSE...
IN TWO HOURS... ONE THIRD...
THERE ARE ONLY SIX HOURS LEFT. IT ISN'T ENOUGH TIME.
JESSICA...
I THINK THE TWO OF US SHOULD DO IT THE COM-MANDER'S WAY AS WELL...

EVEN IF WE PUT THE COVER BACK ON THE INTERFACE, IT PROBABLY WON'T DO ANY GOOD...
AND EVEN WITH SUCTION THE MERCURY IS STUCK DOWN IN THE BOTTOM OF THOSE SCREW HOLES.
GETTING IT ALL OUT WOULD BE REALLY HARD...
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN RAISE THE TEMPERATURE THAT HIGH WITH A DRYER... THOUGH.
WHY...DO YOU HAVE THAT...
I WONDER IF A DRYER WOULD WORK...
MERCURY BOILS AT A PRETTY LOW TEMPERATURE...
I BELIEVE... 356° CELSIUS.
OH...MY HAIR IS TOO BOUNCY IF ALL I DO IS BRUSH IT...
I'VE ALWAYS GOT A DYER IN MY MAKEUP KIT. BOTH IRENE AND CARLA HAVE ONE TOO...
BUT WHY...DID YOU BRING IT TO THE JOB SITE...
AH... WELL...
A GIRL HAS TO KEEP UP HER APPEARANCE...
Wh- why YOUUUU...

AH!!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO ATTACK THE OTHER SIDE.
WHAT DO WE DO? IF WE CATCH ON IT... KA-BLAM!
INDEED... THERE'S ANOTHER PRIMER INSIDE.
IRENE, GIVE ME SOME SALAD OIL! NOW SLIDE...AND SLIDE...
THE MOTION SENSOR WILL GO OFF...
BUT IF WE MOVE IT BADLY,
KILL
SLIDE...
SLIDE...

Wash..
IT'S AND HOUSEWIVES' TRICK. WHEN YOU HAVE TO MOVE SOMETHING HEAVY, THIS IS THE TICKET.
WOW
SEE?
AH!!
THE BUCKET ...
WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT?
WHAT'S THIS...IT'S A KITCHEN DOWN HERE...AND A BEAUTY PARLOR UP TOP.
Wheat Flour
Wheat flour
IRENE!!
GIVE ME SOME FLOUR... AND THE MEASURING CUP. AND...A BOWL.
HEH?
CLEANSING CREAM AND A FACIAL PACK...
NAIL POLISH.

THERE'S AN ULTIMATUM FROM THE CULPRIT WHO BUILT THE GALIL...
IF WE COMPLY WITH THE ULTIMA-TUM, HE'LL TELL US HOW TO DEFUSE THE BOMBS.
AH...YES. BOTH MARIE AND JESSICA ARE STILL...!!
HELLO!! COMMAND CAR!! AH...COLONEL
WHAT!?
A billion dol-lars!?
They want a billion dollars in gold ingots from Fort Knox.
OH...JUST TWENTY MINUTES.
THE DEADLINE FOR A REPLY IS NINE A.M.

O- OKAY
I'M GOING TO START REMOVING THE EXPLOSIVE FROM THE OTHER SIDE. WRAP THE FLOUR IN NAPKINS AND STUFF IT INTO YOUR SIDE.
LIN!!
GALIL IS NOT JUST A TIME BOMB. APPARENTLY THEY CAN DETONATE IT REMOTELY!!
THEY SAY THEY'LL BLOW THE BOMBS UP BEFORE TWELVE.
IF THEY DON'T GET THE ANSWER THEY WANT...
IT'S SIMILAR TO THE COMMANDER'S APPROACH,
BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME, SO IT'S ALL OR NOTHING.
JESSICA..
WHAT'S WITH THAT CREAM...
THERE!!
IF WE GET THE EXPLOSIVE OUT, THERE'S PROBABLY A PIN TO BREAK IT LOOSE.

USE THE DRYER TO SPEED IT UP!!
COLLEEN!! PIN THIS BAR WITH SUPER GLUE...
CLIP!!
I'M CUT-TING THE BELT!!
LIN!! KEEP SHOVING IT IN!!
JUST...A LITTLE MORE!
MARIE!! JESSICA!! GET OUT OF THERE NOW!!
I'M RE-MOVING THE EX-PLO-SIVE!!
THE PERPS SAY...THEY'LL BLOW UP THE BOMBS REMOTELY IN TWENTY MINUTES!

HEL-GA!!
KIM!! DELA!! GET ALL THE SQUADS TO A SAFE DISTANCE AWAY!!
FIFTEEN MINUTES!!
AND IF ANY-THING GOES WRONG...I'D LIKE TO GO WITH HER...
I BELIEVE IN THE COMMAND-ER...
YOU GO!!
IRENE!! IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO!!
.....
IRENE
HURRY!! ATTACH THE OTHER PRIMER.

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ING IT
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HELSA
IRENE
9
8
IT'S
NINE O'
CLOCK
!!
NINE O'
CLOCK!!

NINE A.M.!!
I HAVE NEWS FROM THIS MORNING.
WHAT A NICE SAVORY SMELL,
IF WE'D ADDED BUTTER, THE SCENT WOULD BE EVEN MORE DELICIOUS, I THINK.
IT SEEMS LIKE JESSICA SUCCEEDED AS WELL.
SUD-DENLY I'M REALLY HUNGRY ...
MARIE!!
COM-MAN-DER

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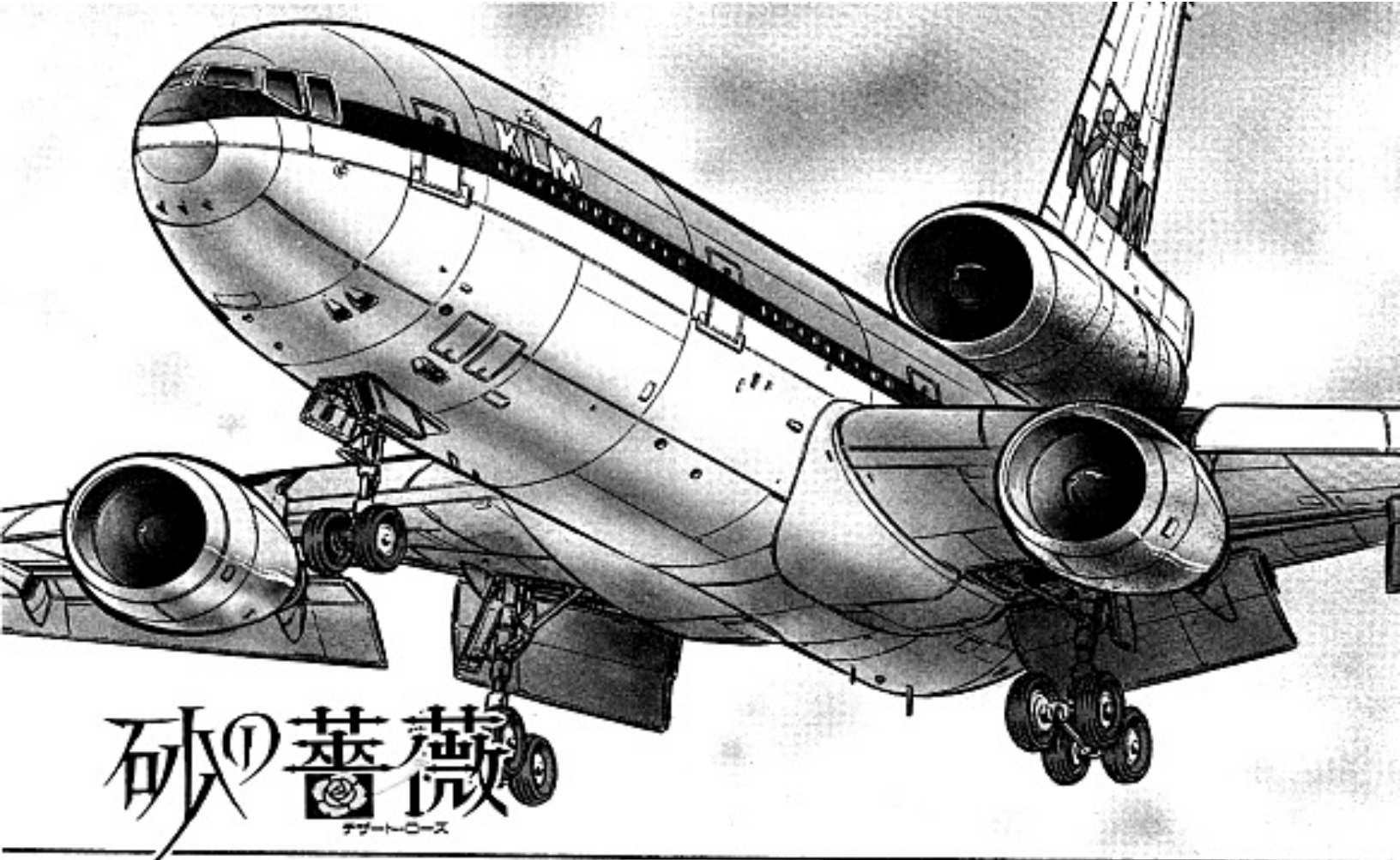
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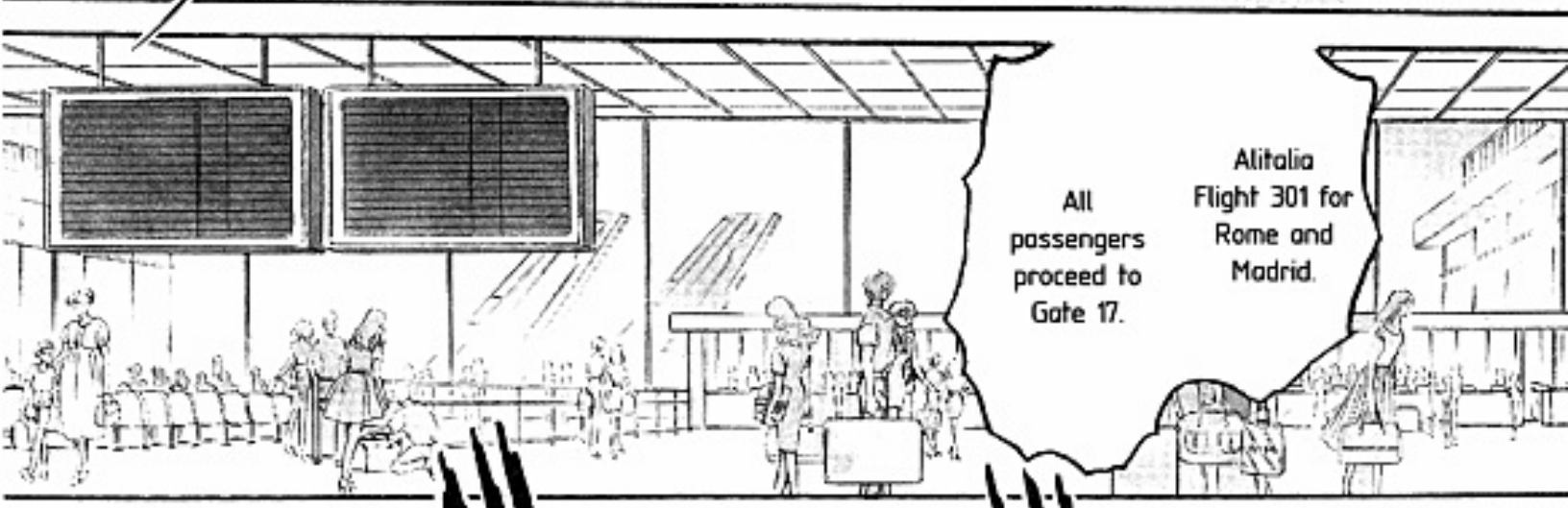
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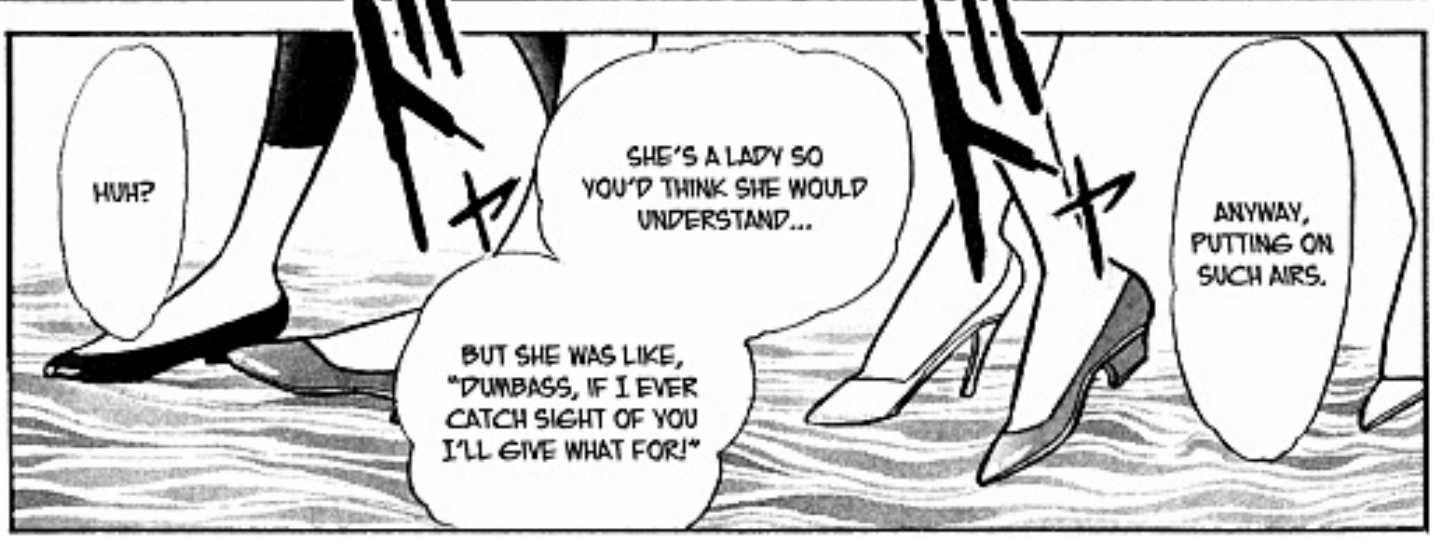
HUH?
SHE'S A LADY SO YOU'D THINK SHE WOULD UNDERSTAND...
BUT SHE WAS LIKE, "DUMBASS, IF I EVER CATCH SIGHT OF YOU I'LL GIVE WHAT FOR!"
ANYWAY, PUTTING ON SUCH AIRS.

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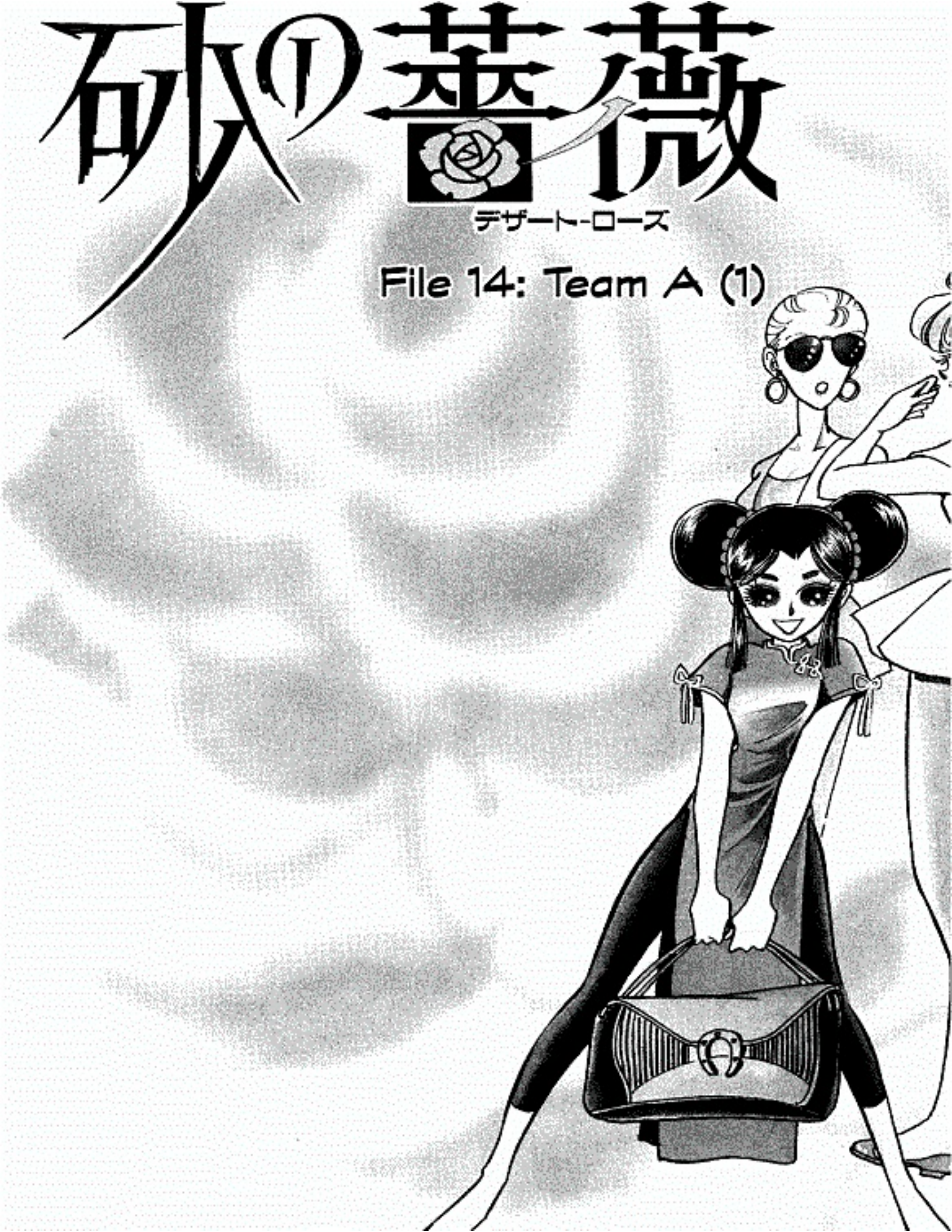

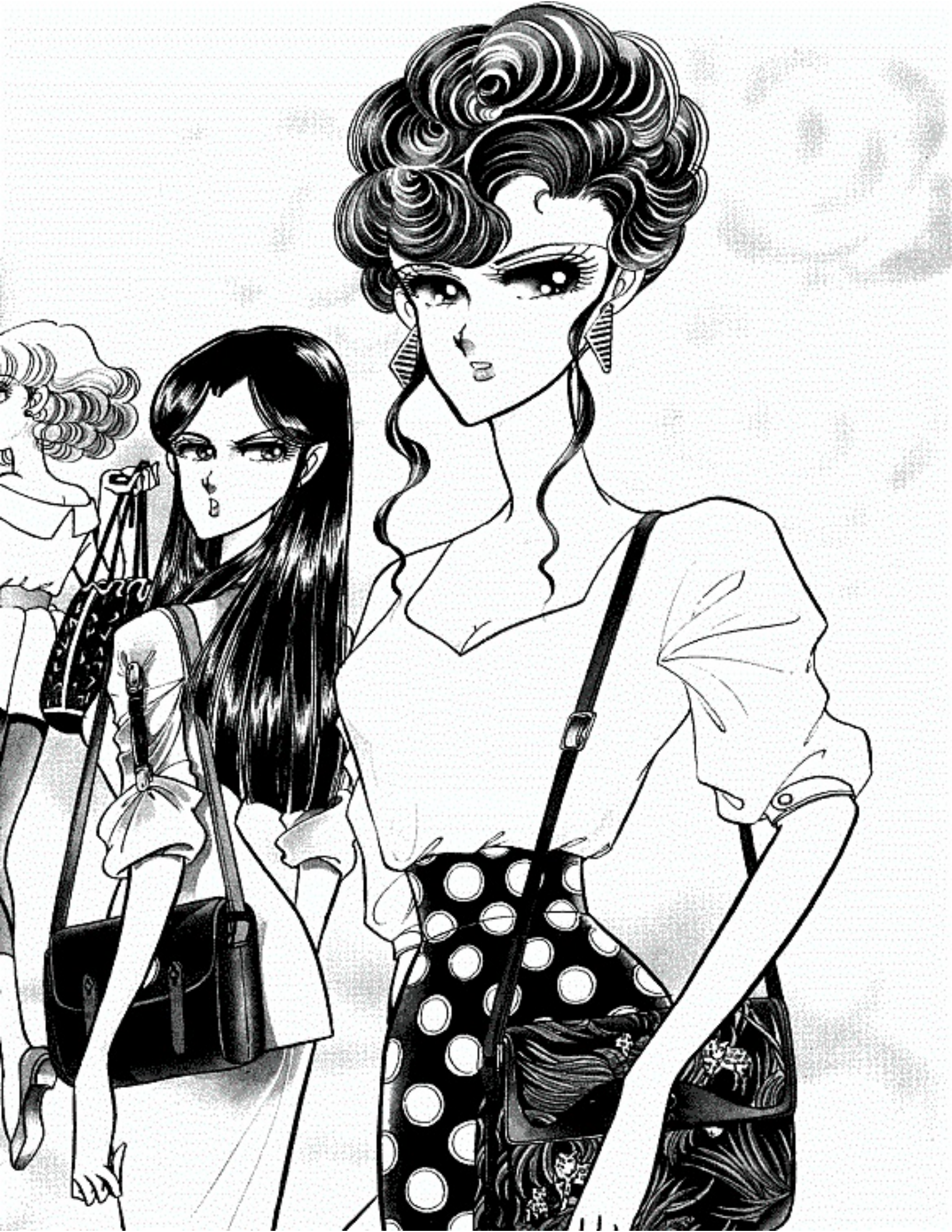

HAKU
SEN
UH...HUH
MARIE...
EH? GROSS. COULD THEY BE ON OUR SAME FLIGHT?
ISN'T THAT...ONE OF THE UNDERLINGS IN A?
...I DOUBT THAT...
AHHH...MY BUNNIES
(sfx) grope!!

...YAH HH...
KY...
SHIN-BU!!
COM-MAN-DER!!
NYAHH...

TO DO THIS... TO OUR COM-MANDER...
YOU GUYS... ARE DIVISION M...
I WON'T HAVE THE BEAST FEEDING AT WILL.
HE HAD IT COMING!
WH- WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

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BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE AWAY HIS LAST BREATH.
HE'S.. STILL ALIVE.
WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THIS?
IT'S TIME!! LET'S GO.
THE NEWBIE CAN DRAG HIM.

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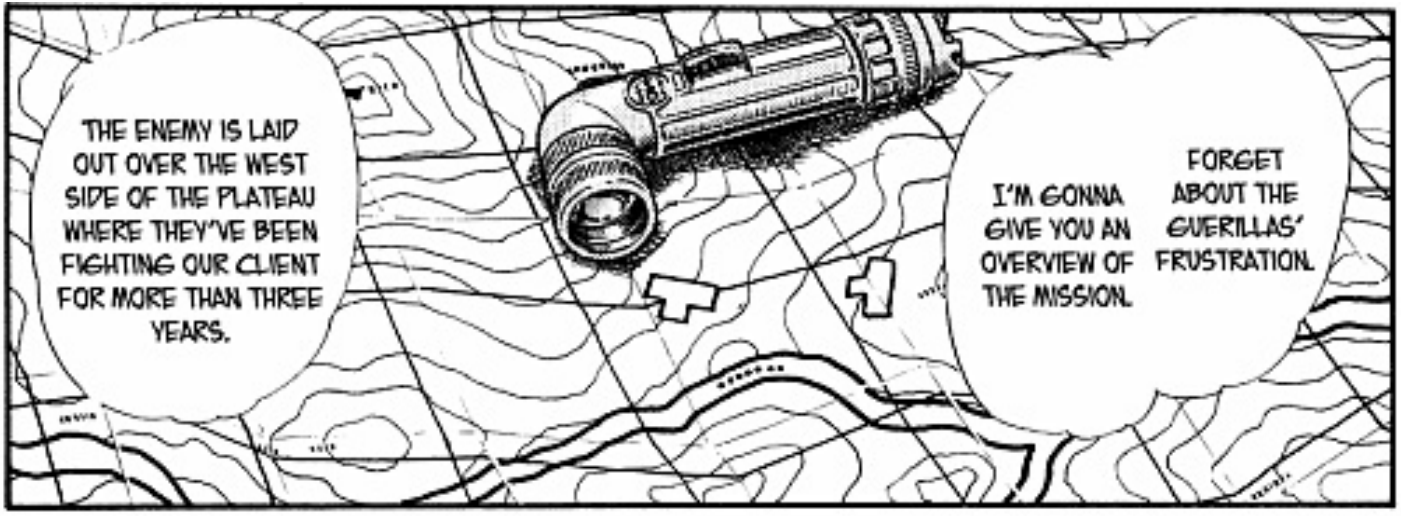
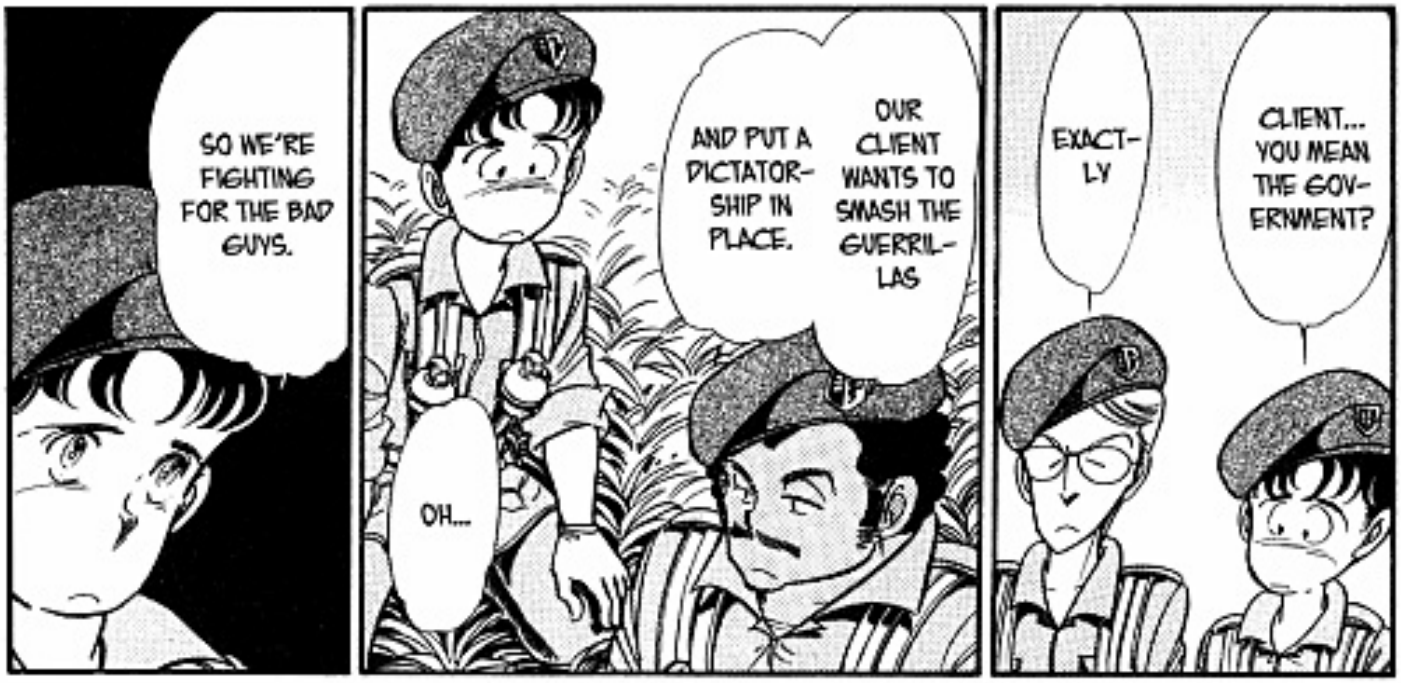
IF THERE EVER WAS A DAY WHEN THERE WERE TEN THOUSAND GUERRILLAS, IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO. NOT WITH THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT.
TSK!! WHAT A WASTE.
THOSE THREE HUNDRED-KILO BOMBS ONLY TOOK OUT FIVE IF WE'RE LUCKY.
IT'S HARDLY A NUKE.
THEY COME FROM THE BUILD-UP OF FRUS-TRATION.
QUARRELS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HOW MANY PEOPLE THERE ARE.
IF THERE WERE TEN THOUSAND, THEY WOULDN'T NEED TO BE FIGHTING WITH GUNS. THEY COULD WIN AT THE BALLOT BOX.
SHAD-DAP!
ABOUT TEN THOU-SAND DEAD, HUH...
NOW YOU'VE GOT HIM STARTED.
A man's...frus-traaaation... is nothinnng
HERE IT COMES.
fluff

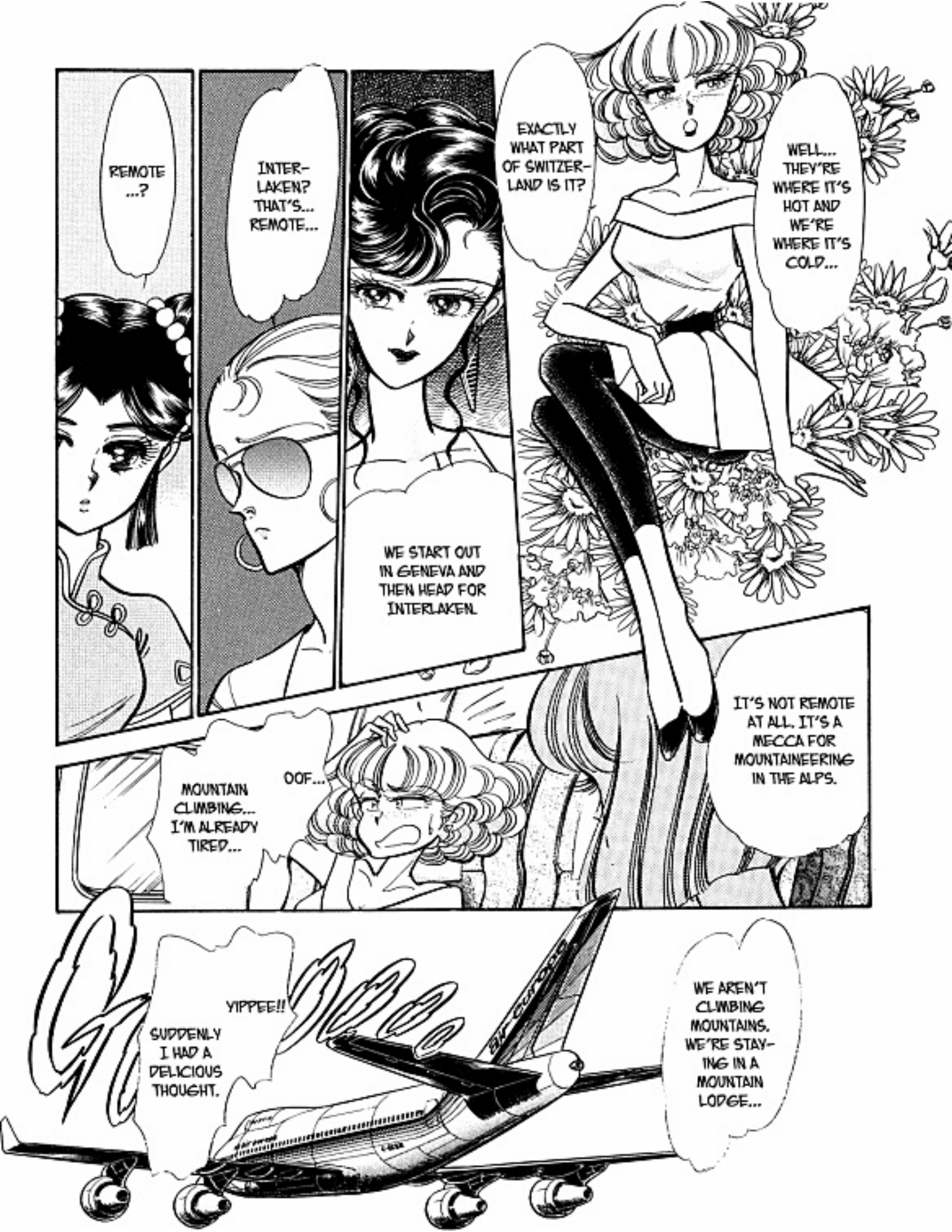

THE ENEMY IS LAID OUT OVER THE WEST SIDE OF THE PLATEAU WHERE THEY'VE BEEN FIGHTING OUR CLIENT FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS.
I'M GONNA GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THE MISSION.
FORGET ABOUT THE GUERILLAS' FRUSTRATION.


SO WE'RE FIGHTING FOR THE BAD GUYS.
OH...
AND PUT A DICTATOR-SHIP IN PLACE.
OUR CLIENT WANTS TO SMASH THE GUERRIL-LAS
EXACT-LY
CLIENT... YOU MEAN THE GOV-ERNMENT?

THE CLIENT IS GOD.
DUMBASS

SO...IF THE GUERRILLAS WERE PAYING US...THEY'D BE THE GODS.

STILL...THEY ALWAYS GET SADDLED WITH THE TERRIBLE 2'S.
CAT DOESN'T REALLY HAVE WORK THAT ISN'T CRAZY WILD.
MOWING DOWN FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN MOGUERI, SOUTH AMERICA...
DIVISION A'S MISSIONS ARE ALWAYS SO CRAZY WILD.
AND THEIR EDI-TORS.
JUST LIKE MANGA ARTISTS FROM A CERTAIN COUNTRY.
TOO FILTHY, TOO DANGEROUS, AND TOO MUCH STINK.
TERRI-BLE 2'S ...?
I HEAR THEY HAVE LOTS OF CASUALTIES, THOUGH.
DIVISION A HAS THE HIGHEST SUCCESS RATE OF ANY DIVISION IN CAT SECTION M. IT'S NEARLY 100%.
CASUALTIES... YES, THEY HAVE MANY SERIOUS INJURIES,
BUT WORD IS HARDLY ANYONE EVER DIES.


REMOTE ...?
INTER-LAKEN? THAT'S... REMOTE...
WE START OUT IN GENEVA AND THEN HEAD FOR INTERLAKEN.
EXACTLY WHAT PART OF SWITZER-LAND IS IT?
WELL... THEY'RE WHERE IT'S HOT AND WE'RE WHERE IT'S COLD...
IT'S NOT REMOTE AT ALL. IT'S A MECCA FOR MOUNTAINEERING IN THE ALPS.
OOF...
MOUNTAIN CLIMBING... I'M ALREADY TIRED...
WE AREN'T CLIMBING MOUNTAINS. WE'RE STAY-ING IN A MOUNTAIN LODGE...
YIPPEE!!
SUDDENLY I HAD A DELICIOUS THOUGHT.

UWAH!!
EX-ACT-LY...
SHE'S A REAL LOOKER... SHE SEEMS.... JAPANESE.
UM...THE LADY COMMANDER WE MET AT THE AIRPORT...
C- COM-MANDER.... WHEN DID YOU...
RUB RUB
THERE'S A RED, RED ROSE ON HER RIGHT TITTIE.
OH YEAH... SHE'S QUITE AN ASSET TO THE TECHNICAL GROUP.
THE BLOWS ARE BLISS. HUMP AND THROW, HUMP AND THROW. MY 'NADS ARE HAPPY FELLOWS!!
うおおお
(scribble) wahhhh
THE GIRLS AROUND HER ARE HOT, TOO!!
THEN SHE YELLS "I LOVE YOU, DARLING!" OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
AS WE GRAPPLE AND COME APART, AND GRAPPLE AND COME APART.
THE BED SPRINGS SQUEAL LOUDLY
ムニュッパ
ムヤッパ
.....
.....

That's enough to make him pretty bad, if you ask me...
EXCEPT FOR THAT...HE'S NOT SUCH A BAD GUY.
CHICKS!!
UH-HUH...
RIGHT, LIEU-TENANT?
I THINK... HER REAL NAME IS MARIE ROSE-BANK.
MARIE THE ROSE!! WOW.
THAT WAS DIVISION M'S "MARIE THE ROSE" I GUESS.
THEY SAY HER DIVISION HAS GREAT TEAMWORK.
SHE'S A FAMOUS COMMANDER IN SECTION F.
PRETTY SCARY.
WHEN THEY SEE A TER-RORIST... BANG!
THEY HAVE GUNS HIDDEN UNDER THOSE DRESSES.
THEY'RE MAINLY AN ANTI-TERRORISM UNIT.
SIMILAR
THEY DO THE SAME KINDA WORK WE DO?

AH...NO... THAT'S NOT IT.
WHAT'S WRONG, LOCKE? YA HOME-SICK?
COMMANDER!!
AN ENEMY PATROL IS HEADED THIS WAY.
Hurry up, hog!
LOOK, LOOK. IT'S A FIGHT. A FIGHT!
DON'T STAND AROUND FEEDING YOUR FACE!
Hey! cut that out...
.....

SEEMS LIKE... ABOUT A SQUAD.
BOOMER
YOU TAKE CARE OF THE LEAD.
JAA
.....
...GO! THE REST CIRCLE TO THE LEFT.

E-
ENE-
MIES!!
UH...
WAAA

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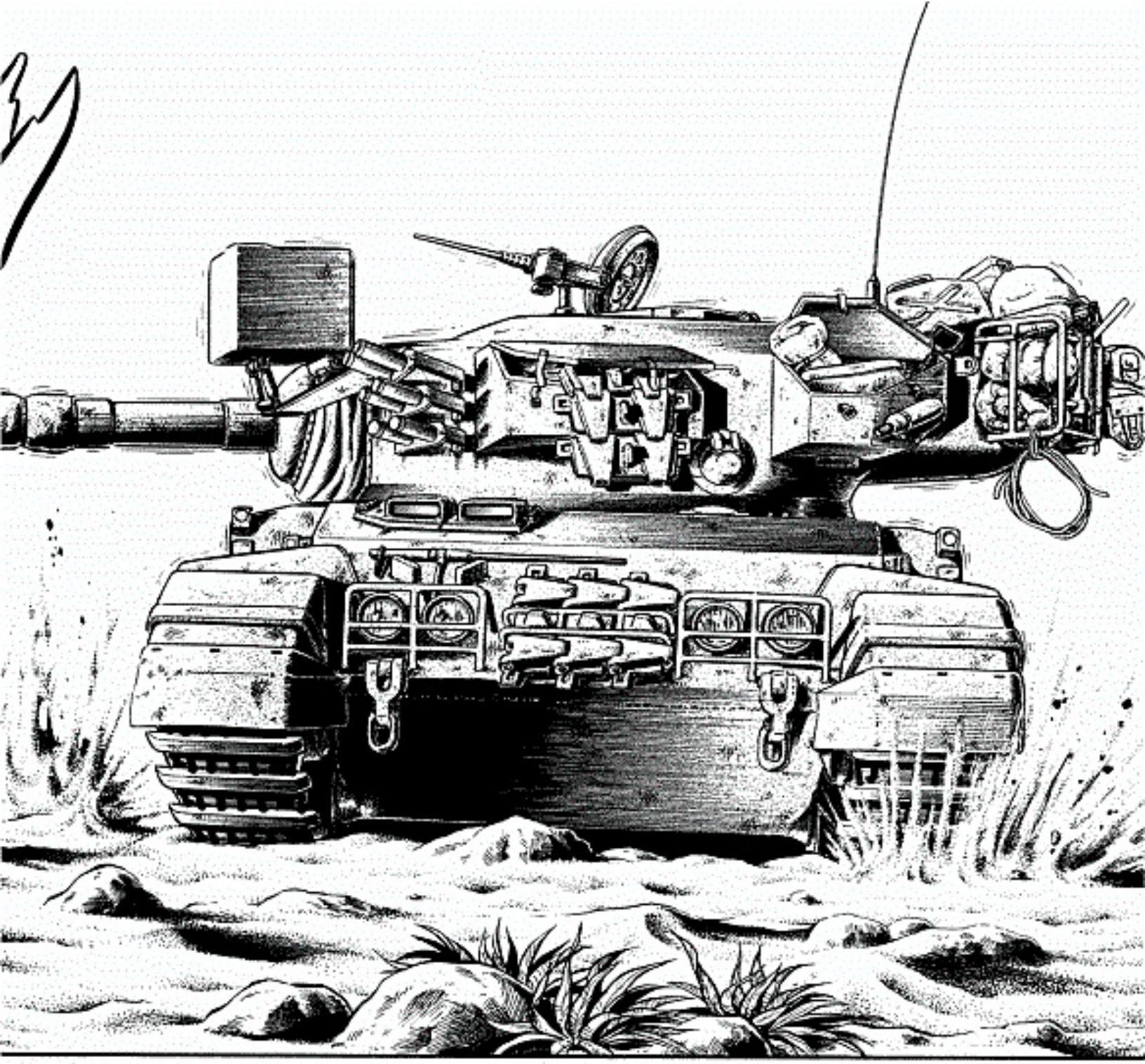
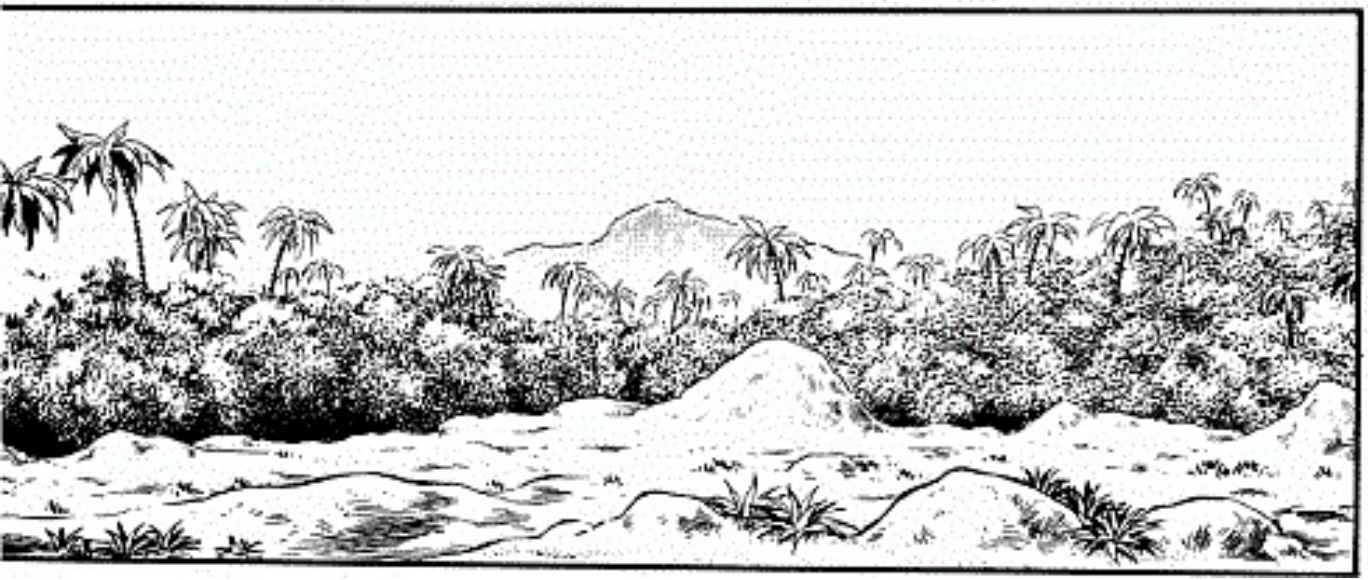
THE GUERRILLAS EVEN DRAG CHILDREN LIKE THIS INTO THEIR BATTLES...
...HE'S JUST A KID...
.....
COME ON!!
YAH!!
HEY! WHAT'S OVER THERE!?
!
A GIRL...?

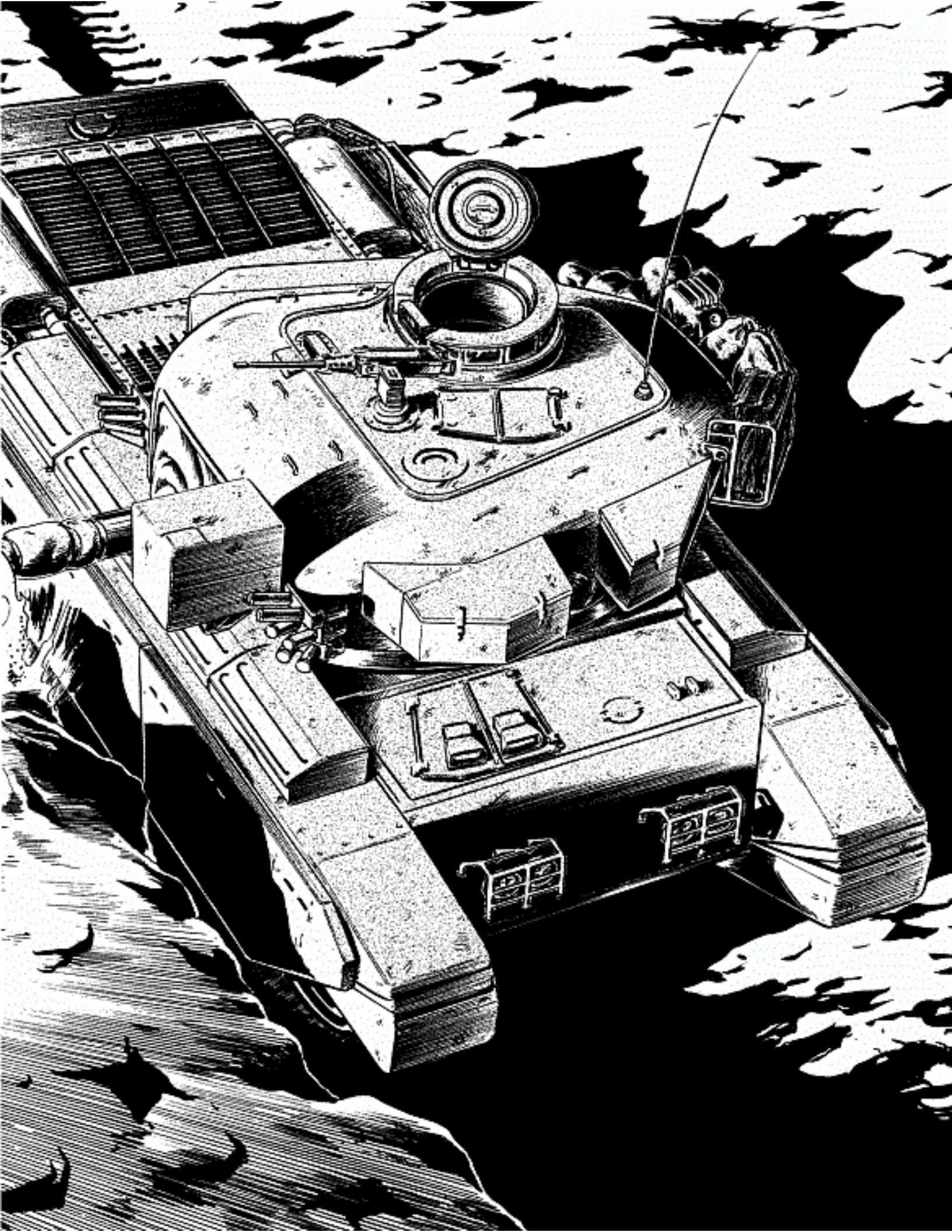
!!
BETWEEN SEXES THERE IS NO NEED FOR WORDS.
?
LISTEN DO YOU UN-DER-STAND ME?
COMMAN-DER!!
KYAH HH!!
LOVE RESCUES ALL!!
OWWW...
!!!
OR ELSE...
LET GO OF THAT GIRL!!
LECH!!





DON'T LET 'EM ESCAPE INTO THE JUNGLE! WALLY, CIRCLE TO THE RIGHT!

FALL BACK!!
RETREAT INTO THE JUNGLE!
FALL BACK!!



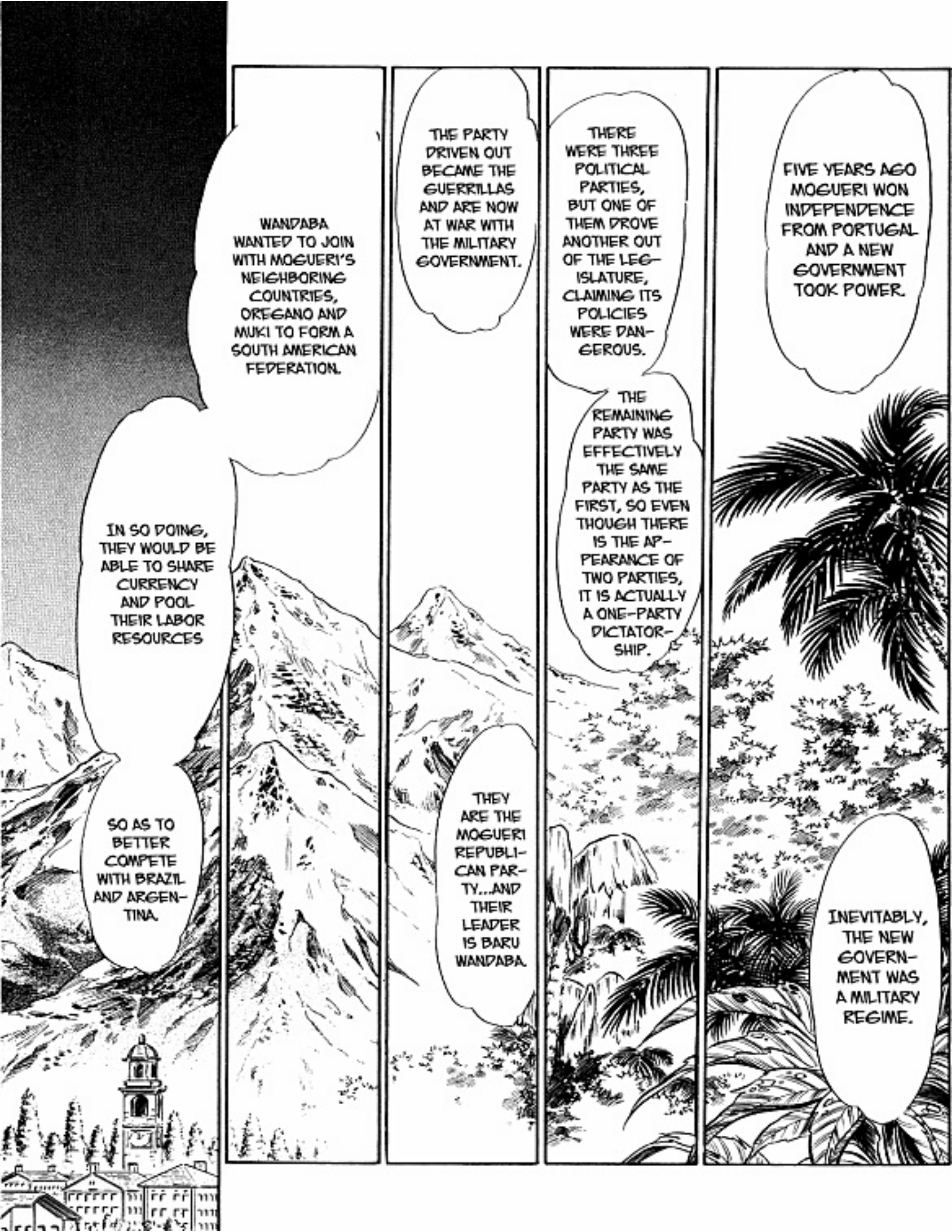
UWA HHH!!
WHAT A DUMB-ASS.

SEND REIN-FORCE-MENTS... NOW...
WE WERE AMBUSHED BY GOV-ERNMENT TANKS!!
DE-TACHED FORCE HERE!!
HQ!!
HQ!!
OWAH!!
WE'VE FINISHED TAKING OUT THE GAR-BAGE.
THIS IS TWELFTH ARMORED COMPANY!!
COM-MAND HQ!!

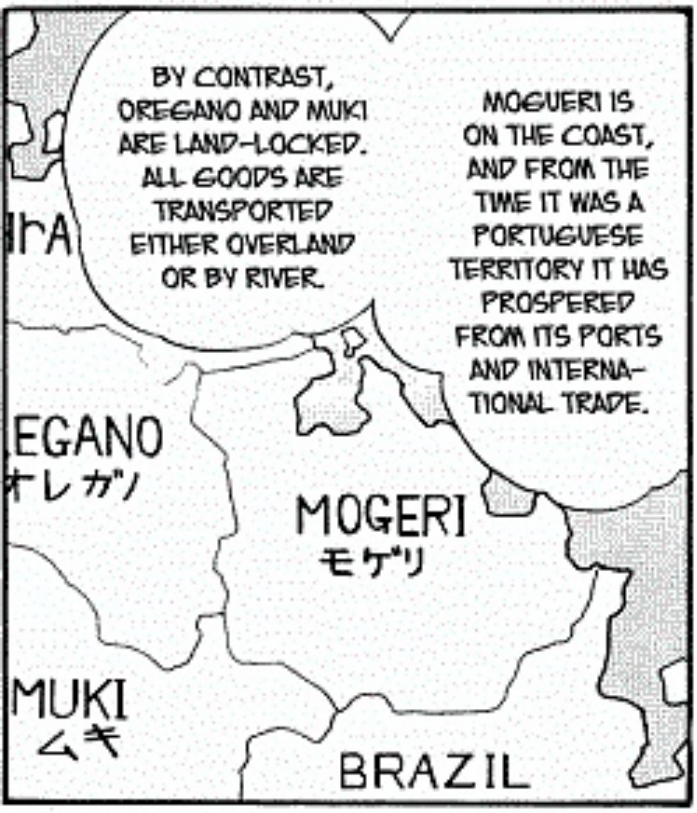
NNN...
AHH...
THAT GIRL!?
YOU CON-SCIOUS, LOCKE?
WANDA-BA'S DAUGH-TER?
SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE GUE-RILLA'S TOP COMMANDER, BARU WANDABA.
SHE'S QUITE A FIND.

.....
THEY WERE TRYING TO USE HER TO BRING DOWN WANDABA.
THAT GROUP WE JUST TOOK OUT HAD KIDNAPPED HER AND WAS GOING TO HAND HER OVER TO GOVERNMENT FORCES.
MOGUERI'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR THREE YEARS...IT'S NO SURPRISE THERE IS INFIGHTING AMONG THE GUERRILLAS.
SO...
SHE...
HOW DO YOU THINK THE GOVERNMENT COMMAND FORCES WILL TREAT HER...?
THEY'LL QUESTION HER... AND PROBABLY OTHER STUFF.
AS A PRISONER OF WAR...I GUESS.
I SUPPOSE WE'LL BE HANDING HER OVER TO THEIR COMMAND FORCES RIGHT AWAY.
OUR COMMISSION IS FROM THE GOVERNMENT FORCES.
NO WAY!!

AH?
COMMANDER!!
I AM OPPOSED TO HANDING HER OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT COMMAND!!
OKAY... LET'S GO!
...I-I'M AGAINST IT...
ker-chak
DON'T YOU SAY A WORD, GREENHORN!! YOU'RE LIABLE TO GET SHOT FOR REFUSING AN ORDER.
It's a waste of a bullet!!
STOP IT, KERRY!!
Asshole!! I'll blow your brains out!
FINE!!
...DAMN! JAPS ALWAYS JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS.

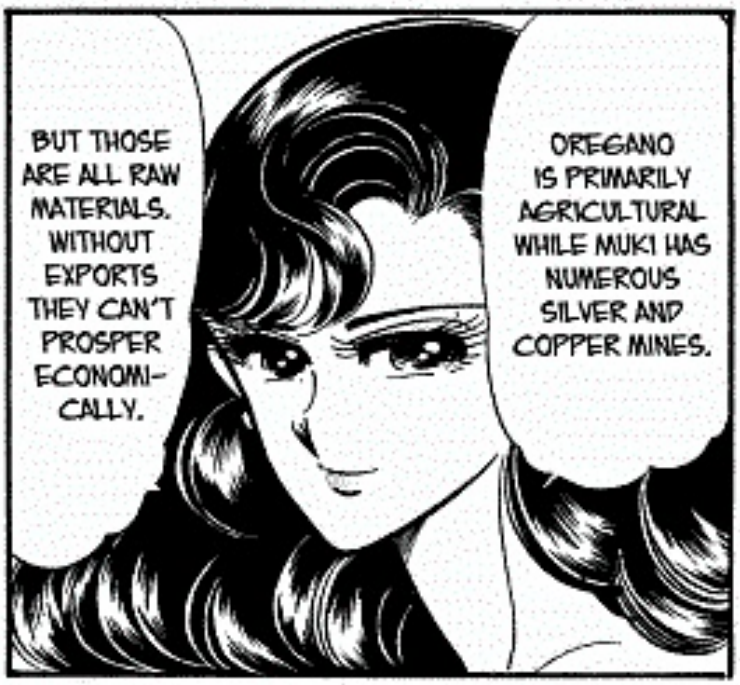

FIVE YEARS AGO MOGUERI WON INDEPENDENCE FROM PORTUGAL AND A NEW GOVERNMENT TOOK POWER.
INEVITABLY, THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS A MILITARY REGIME.
THERE WERE THREE POLITICAL PARTIES, BUT ONE OF THEM DROVE ANOTHER OUT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CLAIMING ITS POLICIES WERE DANGEROUS.
THE REMAINING PARTY WAS EFFECTIVELY THE SAME PARTY AS THE FIRST, SO EVEN THOUGH THERE IS THE APPEARANCE OF TWO PARTIES, IT IS ACTUALLY A ONE-PARTY DICTATORSHIP.
THE PARTY DRIVEN OUT BECAME THE GUERRILLAS AND ARE NOW AT WAR WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
THEY ARE THE MOGUERI REPUBLICAN PARTY...AND THEIR LEADER IS BARU WANDABA.
WANDABA WANTED TO JOIN WITH MOGUERI'S NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, OREGANO AND MUKI TO FORM A SOUTH AMERICAN FEDERATION.
IN SO DOING, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO SHARE CURRENCY AND POOL THEIR LABOR RESOURCES
SO AS TO BETTER COMPETE WITH BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA.

UH-HUH
BASICALLY SOMETHING LIKE THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, I GUESS.


BY CONTRAST, OREGANO AND MUKI ARE LAND-LOCKED. ALL GOODS ARE TRANSPORTED EITHER OVERLAND OR BY RIVER.
MOGUERI IS ON THE COAST, AND FROM THE TIME IT WAS A PORTUGUESE TERRITORY IT HAS PROSPERED FROM ITS PORTS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE.
EGANO
オレガノ
MOGERI
モゲリ
MUKI
ムキ
BRAZIL

MAYBE
IS THE CURRENT REGIME THAT BAD?

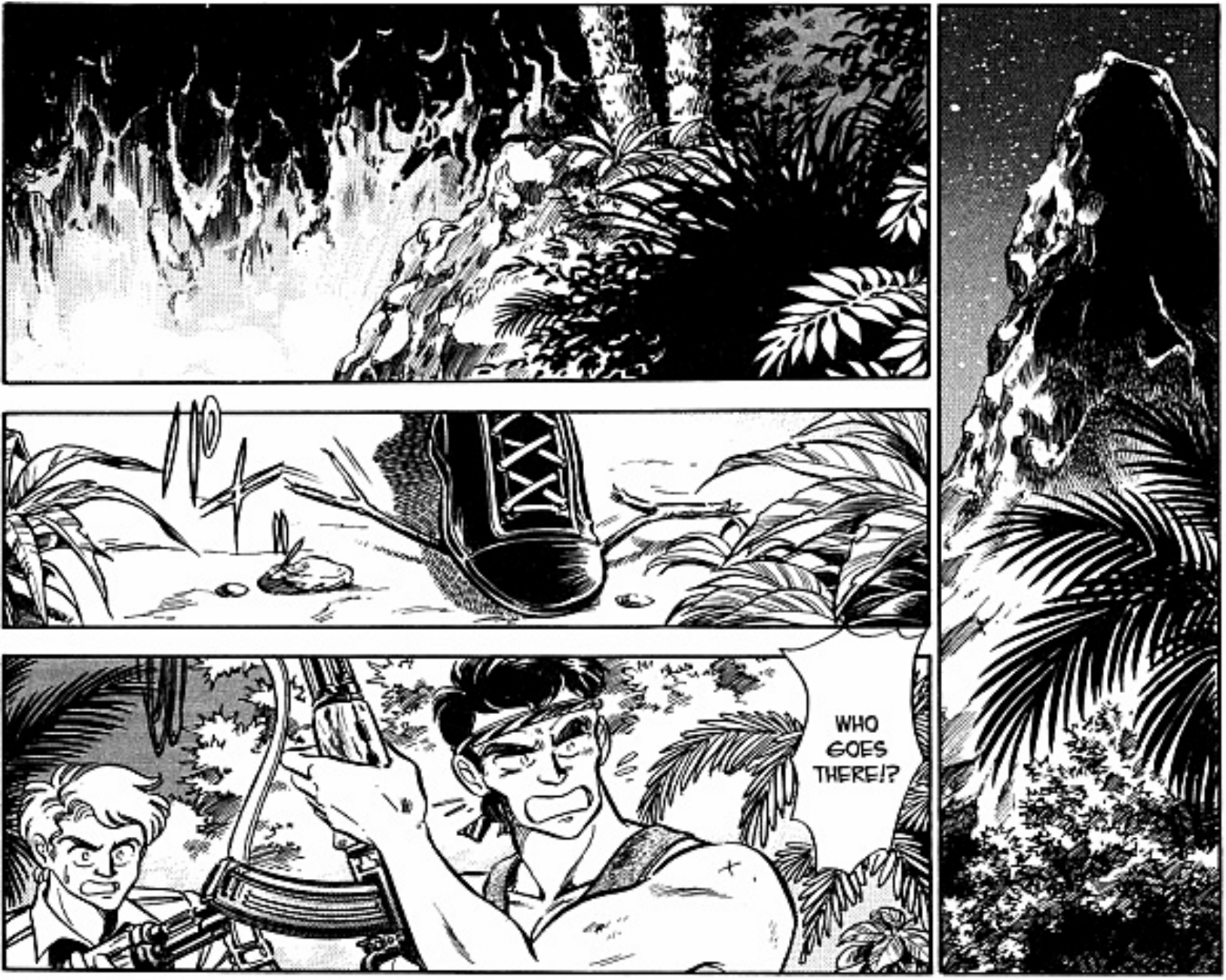
...I SEE...
TO EXPORT GOODS THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH MOGUERI.


BUT THOSE ARE ALL RAW MATERIALS. WITHOUT EXPORTS THEY CAN'T PROSPER ECONOMICALLY.
OREGANO IS PRIMARILY AGRICULTURAL WHILE MUKI HAS NUMEROUS SILVER AND COPPER MINES.

THE THREE COMBINED COULD BECOME THE BEST BALANCED ECONOMIC BLOC IN SOUTH AMERICA.
OREGANO'S AGRICULTURE, AND MUKI'S MINES,
WITH MOGUERI'S SEA-TRADE AND FACTORIES,
LIKE THE THREE COUNTRIES OF BENELUX IN EUROPE.
BUT...
SIMPLY PUT, YES.
IF THE THREE FORM A FEDERATION, MOGUERI WON'T BE ABLE TO LEVERAGE AS MUCH PROFIT FROM THEM.
IN OTHER WORDS...
THE THREE OF THEM SHARE A UNIFIED CURRENCY AND STAND INDEPENDENT TOGETHER.
BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, AND THE NETHERLANDS (HOLLAND).
THERE'S A PLACE CALLED "BENELUX" IN EUROPE?
HUH?
SEND HIM UP.
OKAY
LIEUTENANT COLONEL HEINEKEN IS HERE.
COMMANDER!!

I AM THE HEAD OFFICER OF CAT OVERSEAS TACTICAL, MARIE ROSEBANK.
WEL-COME LT. COLO-NEL
I'M HEINE-KEN.
IT IS AN HONOR TO MEET YOU, LADY ROSEBANK.
HMPH...
KYAHH EUROPEAN OFFICERS ARE SO DREAMY!!
UTAH LA-DI-DAH!!
But I wouldn't mind some of that treatment myself...

OH...AREN'T YOU THE SWEET TALKER. BUT DON'T JUDGE US BY OUR FEMININE APPEARANCE.
I'VE HEARD THE STORIES, BUT I NEVER IMAGINED SO MANY BEAUTIFUL LADIES IN YOUR GROUP.
OH, REALLY? VERY WELL...
I SEE.



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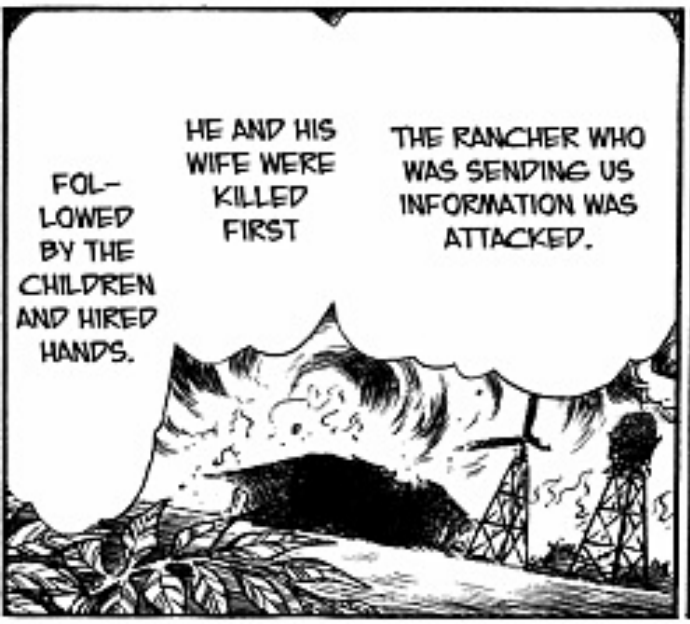
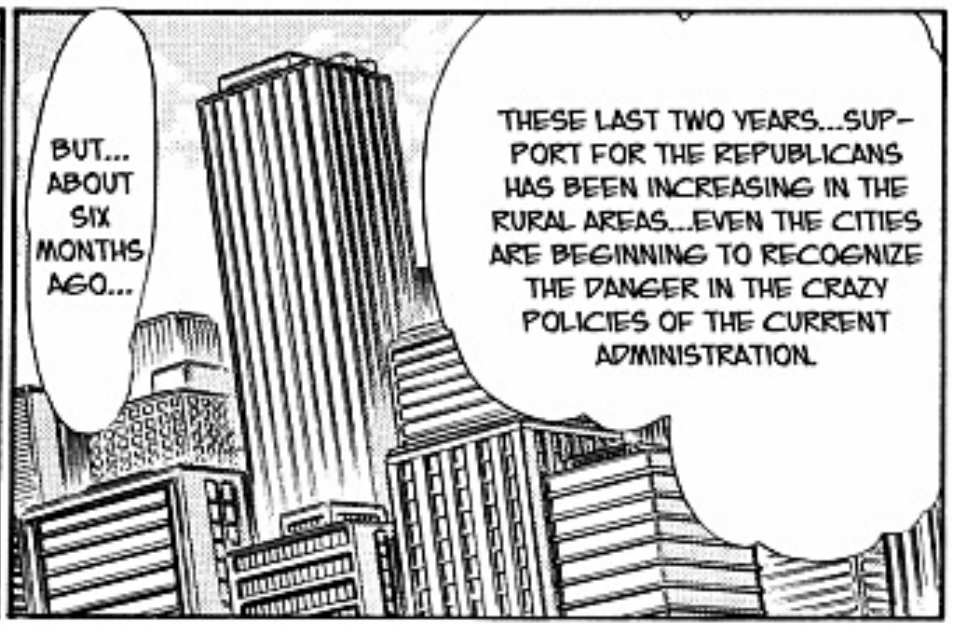
ENA!!
PAPA!!
HA HA...
CAT?
I'M ODA LOCKLAIR OF THE CAT SERVICE.
OBVIOUSLY NOT THE "BLACK CLAW".
AND WHO ARE YOU?

THE CURRENT PRESIDENT THINKS OTHERWISE.
COUNTER ATTACK TERRORISM?
WAIT JUST A MINUTE. WE AREN'T TERRORISTS.
WE'RE FREEDOM FIGHTERS FIGHTING FOR A REPUBLIC.
WE AREN'T GOING TO STOP FIGHTING JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT HE THINKS.
...NOT EVEN IF HE HIRES YOU OR THE "BLACK CLAW".
UM...WHAT IS THIS BLACK CLAW YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT?
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD?
HOW'S THAT?
THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE ARMY... HIS HIRED GUNS!!
THEY'LL KILL ANYONE... WOMEN... CHILDREN... EVEN BABIES!!

THEY'RE DEMONS!! NOT HUMAN!!
KARINA...WAS CARRYING A BABY IN HER BELLY!!
ANTONIO AND MARIA AND THE OTHERS WERE ALL KILLED BY THEM!!


FOL-LOWED BY THE CHILDREN AND HIRED HANDS.
HE AND HIS WIFE WERE KILLED FIRST
THE RANCHER WHO WAS SENDING US INFORMATION WAS ATTACKED.

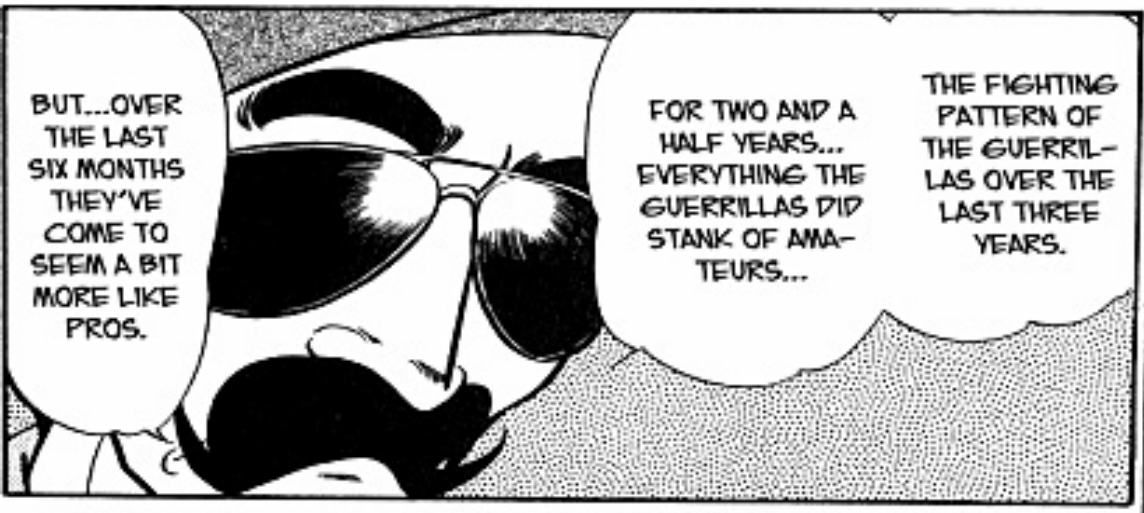

BUT... ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO...
THESE LAST TWO YEARS...SUP-PORT FOR THE REPUBLICANS HAS BEEN INCREASING IN THE RURAL AREAS...EVEN THE CITIES ARE BEGINNING TO RECOGNIZE THE DANGER IN THE CRAZY POLICIES OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION.

ALL THE NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THE ATROCITIES COM-MITTED BY THE REPUBLICANS.
THEY SAID, "THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO TRAITORS!!"
REPUBLICAN FLYERS WERE PLASTERED ALL OVER THE SITE...

THEY...THEY KILLED... EVERYONE!!
BUT IT WASN'T US!! IT WAS THE PRESI-DENT'S HIRED GOONS!!

THERE HAS STARTED TO BE DISSENSION WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE REPUBLICANS...AND THEN ENA WAS KIDNAPPED...
EVERYONE IS SCARED ...
SINCE THEY STARTED FIGHTING, THEY'VE DESTROYED ABOUT HALF OF OUR HIDEOUTS...
BUT...THEY DO HAVE SOME PROS...
THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD..BUT THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF THUGS.
LOOTER, RAPISTS, AND MURDERERS... CRIMINALS AND BUMS AND MAFIA REMNANTS ALL WANTED BY THE POLICE...SOLDIERS...
THE MORALE OF THE GUERRILLAS IS LOW...
PAPA
B-BUT...
PLEASE... GET YOUR GUYS TO BACK OFF.
I'VE TOLD YOU ALL THIS BECAUSE YOU RETURNED MY DAUGHTER TO ME.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THEM?
THOSE BLACK CLAW PEOPLE...
I SEE... NOW I GET IT.


BUT...OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS THEY'VE COME TO SEEM A BIT MORE LIKE PROS.
FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS... EVERYTHING THE GUERRILLAS DID STANK OF AMATEURS...
THE FIGHTING PATTERN OF THE GUERRILLAS OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS.

HMM... MORE OR LESS.
I'VE GOT FUNNY FEELING ABOUT THIS...
LET ME SEE THOSE DOCUMENTS FROM HQ.
WHAT ARE THOSE DOCUMENTS, ANYWAY?

THEY EVEN USED AN AZ FORMATION FROM CANBERRA.
AND ANOTHER FROM ANGORA.
THEY USED A TACTIC I HEARD ABOUT FROM VIETNAM.
BUT THEY'RE COMPLETELY SEPARATE.

IT LOOKED LIKE THE GUERRILLAS MIGHT HAVE HIRED MERCENARIES AND GOTTEN STRONGER...

FOR A SOLDIER LIKE YOURSELF, THERE'S NO PRIDE IN IT. YOU'VE GOT YOUR PREFERRED TACTICAL PATTERNS.
AS FOR ME, I FOLLOW A SINGLE MARVELOUS RULE.
YEAH, INVOLV-ING PENE-TRATION.
WELL...SO THEY ROUND UP MERCENARIES... FROM HERE AND THERE...
I GUESS ...
AND...WHILE THEY SMASH THE GUERRILLA HIDEOUTS, THEY ATTACK SOME RANDOM FARMHOUSES OR TROOP INSTAL-LATIONS...AND BLAME IT ALL ON THE REPUBLICAN GUERILLAS.
SO...WHY DID THEY HIRE US...
THE GUER-RILLAS ARE LOSING STEAM...
WELL...MAYBE THEY WANT US TO ATTACK TOGETHER WITH THOSE MERCENARIES... AND MAKE QUICK WORK OF THE GUERRILLAS?
AFTER WE'VE MOPPED UP THE GUERRIL-LAS, THE MER-CENARIES CAN MOP US UP... AND THEN THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY.
IT'S A PRETTY COMMON PATTERN... BUT IT STILL PISSES ME OFF.

THAT GUY...IS PROBABLY WITH TEAM A.
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM THERE.
HE'S HAVING COFFEE IN THE GUERRILLA HIDEOUT.
ANYWAY... WHAT'S LOCKE UP TO NOW?
!!
!!
!!
TEAM A...? THAT...RECKLESS BRAT... NO WAY...
HE'S...A MEMBER OF TEAM A.
I'M PROBABLY RIGHT.
WELL...I'VE BEEN THINKING HE'S GETTING BETTER BIT BY BIT.

ARE YOU SURE?
IT'LL BE BAD IF WORD GETS OUT.
THEN...IF WE DO LIKE WE USUALLY DO...
JUST LIKE WE USU-ALLY DO.
THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO...
MAKE CON-TACT AT ONCE. I'M SURE THEY ARE WAITING ANXIOUSLY.
IF EVERYONE WAS SCARED OF TEAM A DO YA THINK CAT WOULD MAKE ANY MONEY?
AH... OKAY
UNDER-STOOD
I DON'T CARE AS LONG AS WE GET WEAP-ONS FROM THE GOV-ERNMENT FORCES.
THEY'RE COMPETING WITH THE MER-CENARIES. DO YOU THINK IT'LL BE OKAY?
IS THE GEN-ERAL THERE?
AHH
THIS IS KERRY. IT'S BEEN A WHILE...

TEAM A!!
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS WHAT WE USUALLY DO.
THEY WORK EVERY DIVI-SION ON A SOMEWHAT REGULAR BASIS...
SHHH
IT'S NOT LIKE TEAM A WOULD EVER HAVE THEIR GAZE ON US.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT...YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT TEAM A.
IT'S NOT... DIVISION A?
WHAT IS...TEAM A?
INTERNAL FIELD AUDIT DEPARTMENT.
IS CAT'S
TEAM A...

AT REGULAR INTERVALS ONE OF THEIR AGENTS INFILTRATES EACH OPERATIONAL DIVISION IN ORDER TO INSPECT THEM.
THEY MAKE SURE THE AGENTS AREN'T BEING ABUSED
AND THAT THE MISSION IS CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM HQ.
THEY REPORT WHETHER THE COMMANDER EXERCISED GOOD JUDGEMENT AND IF THE COMMANDER'S REPORT MATCHES THE FACTS...
FIELD AUDIT?
WH-WHAT'S THAT?
OR IF THEY ACCEPTED BRIBES FROM THE OPPONENT...
OR IF THEY ILLEGALLY SOLD COMPANY EQUIPMENT... ETC.
EHH!?
WELL...IT'S ALREADY HAPPENED QUITE A FEW TIMES.
IN ORDER TO RAISE THEIR SUCCESS RATES THEY SUBJECT THE AGENTS TO UNNECESSARY RISK...
...SO THEY'RE INTERNAL SPIES...

AT LAST WEEK'S COMMAND-ERS' MEET-ING THEY SAID IT WAS ABOUT TIME...
AS FOR US...WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO HIDE, SO THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT...BUT IT IS A LITTLE CREEPY.
WHY YOUUUU! I'LL CLOB-BER YOU!!
IRENE IS AS MUCH OF A DELINQUENT AS EVER.
BUT...THAT MEANS... WE'RE IN TROUBLE TOO.
AHH!!
BECAUSE YOU WERE ALL DE-LIN-QUENTS!
THAT WAS THE REASON DELA AND MY PREVIOUS TEAM GOT BROKEN UP.
Ahhh! The worst!! Irene you dummy...
DO WE KNOW?
BUT...WHICH GIRL IS FROM TEAM A?
I WONDER?

IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
WE'LL FINISH OUR MISSION AND WRAP UP JUST LIKE ALWAYS.
AND THEN...
FLORIDA VACATION...
RIGHT
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN YOUR NEW BATH-ING SUIT.
NEI-THER CAN THE GUYS.
LETS' GO!!
Yay!!

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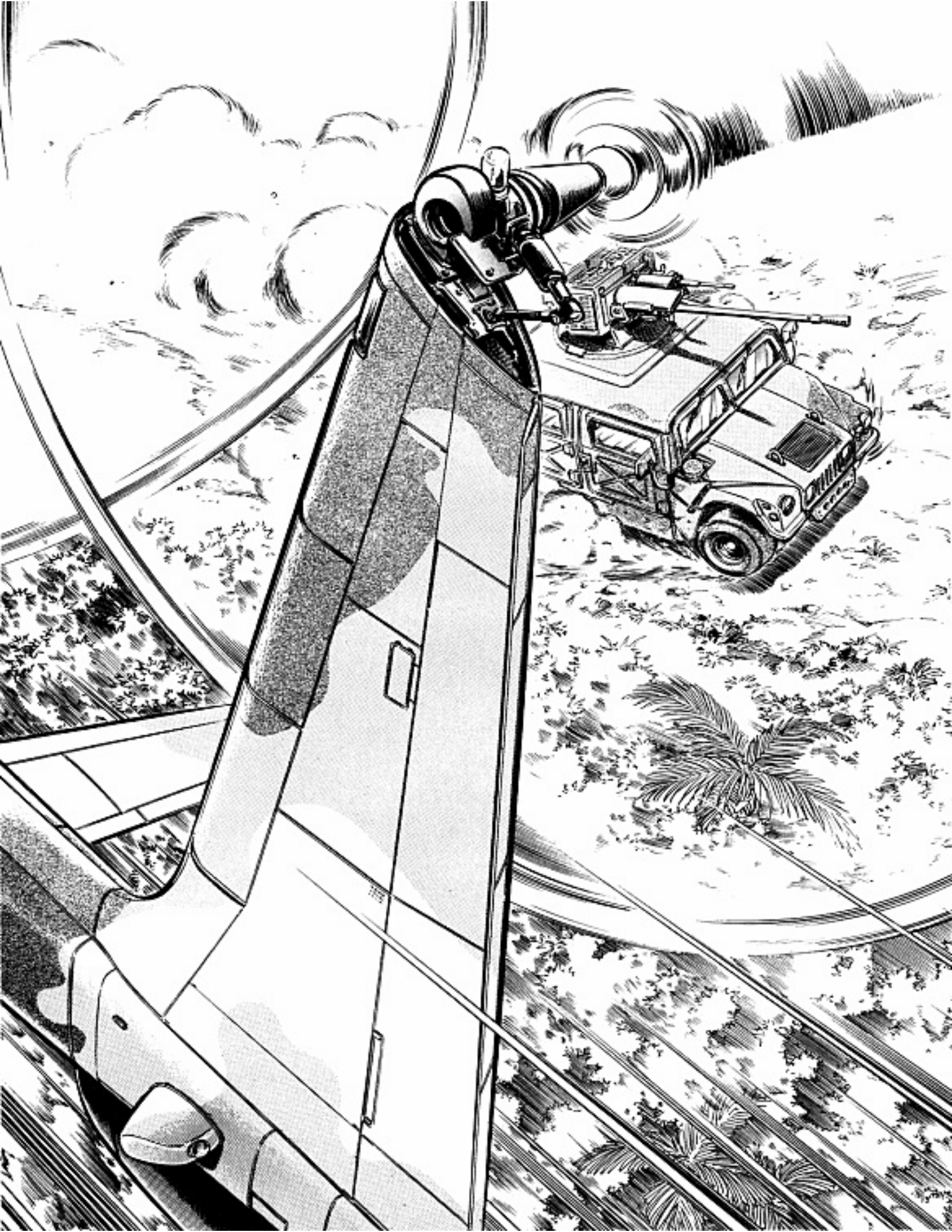
EH?

J- JUST A MINUTE THERE, MISS ENA.
THAT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD.

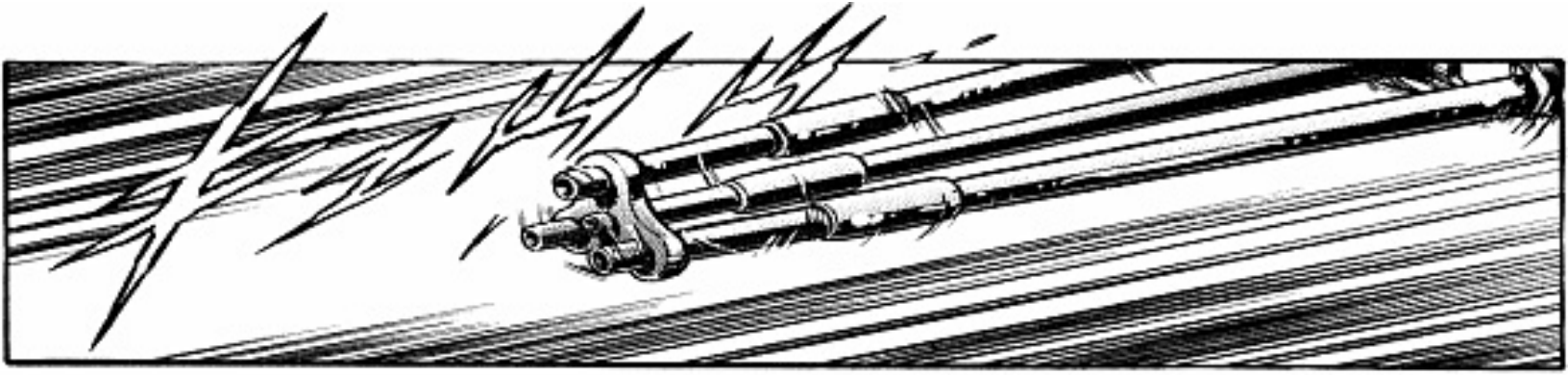
I JUST WANT IT TO LOOK MORE LIKE YOU WERE ATTACKED...
GROSS!!
SHOW SOME TITTIE...
TH- THIS SHIRT...WE NEED TO RIP IT A BIT MORE..
WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING?
DANG, THAT WAS CLOSE.
I'M GOING TO CLEAN UP!! THE DYE IS ALL GOOEY.
I'M SICK OF THIS!!
THERE'S NO WAY THE PRESI-DENT INTENDS TO PAY UP.
SOONER OR LATER WE'LL HAVE TO.
WILL WE FIGHT THEM?
COMMAND-ER? THE CAMERA...
HUH?
IT'LL BE ENOUGH TO GET THEM TO COME CHECK IT OUT.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THEY BELIEVE.
THE BLACK CLAW, THAT IS.
STILL...IS THIS GOING TO WORK?
WILL THEY ACTUALLY BELIEVE THE GUER-RILLAS ARE DE-STROYED?

THERE!!
10 SECONDS...10 SECONDS...IT'LL BE FINISHED SOON, SOON
HOW DARE YOU...
.....
OH...IT HAPPENS AL THE TIME...

BUT... WHO SHOULD WE CONTACT THERE...
TELL 'EM WE'VE KILLED THE GUERRILLA COMMANDER.
LOCKE, PUKL
TAKE THESE PHOTOS TO GOVERNMENT COMMAND HQ.
THE PERSON MOST LIKELY TO PAY UP.
AH!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO OURS?
THIS RIG... BELONGS TO THE GOVERNMENT FORCES, RIGHT?



I'M PRETTY SURE...THE COMMANDER SAID THAT WE TOOK THIS TRUCK WITHOUT LEAVE.
THERE'S... NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT...RIGHT? WE'RE SUPPOSEDLY ON THEIR SIDE...
SO... BE CARE-FUL...HE SAID.
D- DUMBASS!! WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO SOONER!?

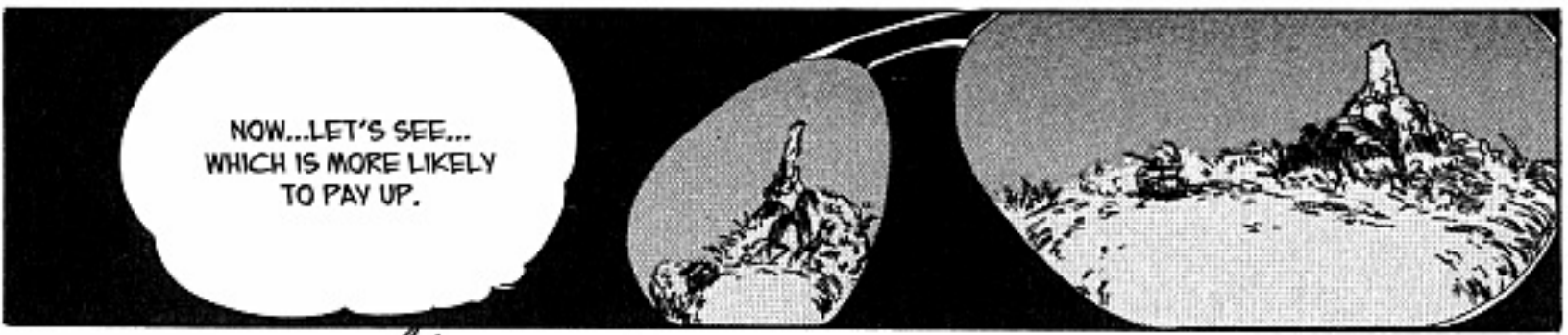


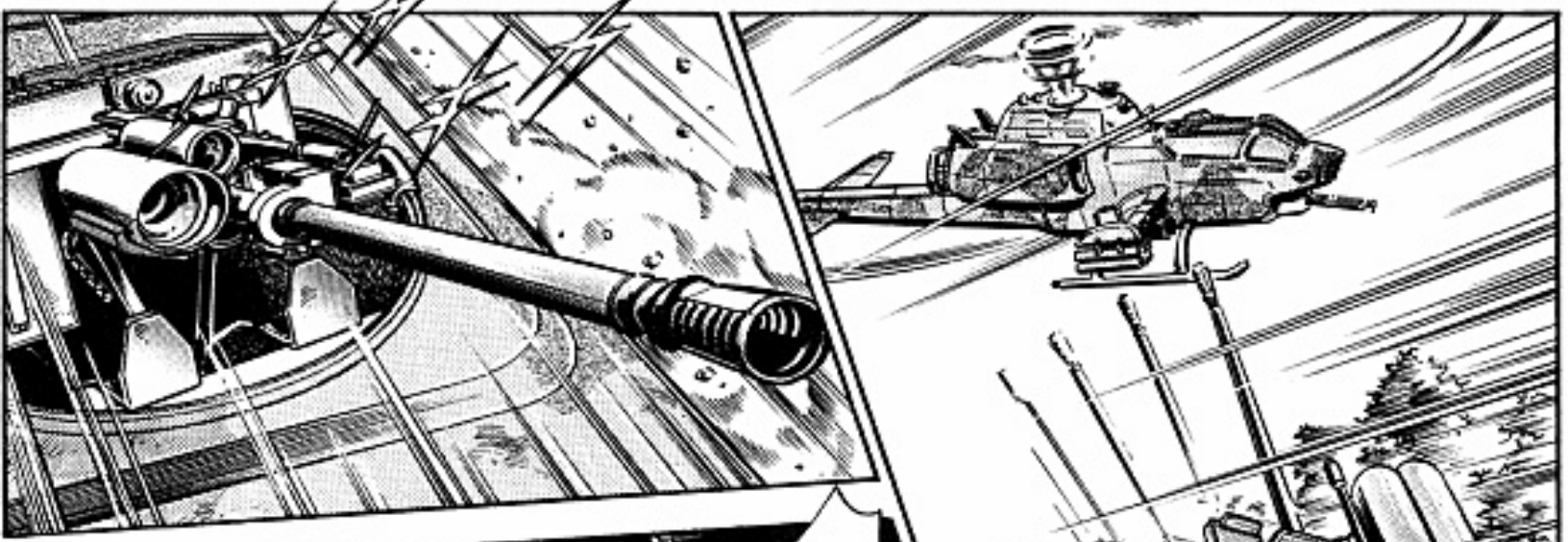
OHH... THEY'RE GETTING HAMMERED.
GO FOR IT!

I SENT A MESSAGE ON THE WIRELESS...THE REGULARS WILL BE CHASING THEM I EXPECT.
BUT... WHAT WILL YOU DO IF THEY REALLY GET DONE IN?

HURRY!!

COM-
MAND-
ER!!
ON THE WESTERN HILL IS AN ARMORED CAR.
I
DUNNO...
I GUESS WE'LL BLAST THE SHIT OUT OF 'EM.


NOW...LET'S SEE... WHICH IS MORE LIKELY TO PAY UP.



WHAT!?
NO GOOD... THE O.S. ISN'T WORKING.
LOCK-
LAIR!!

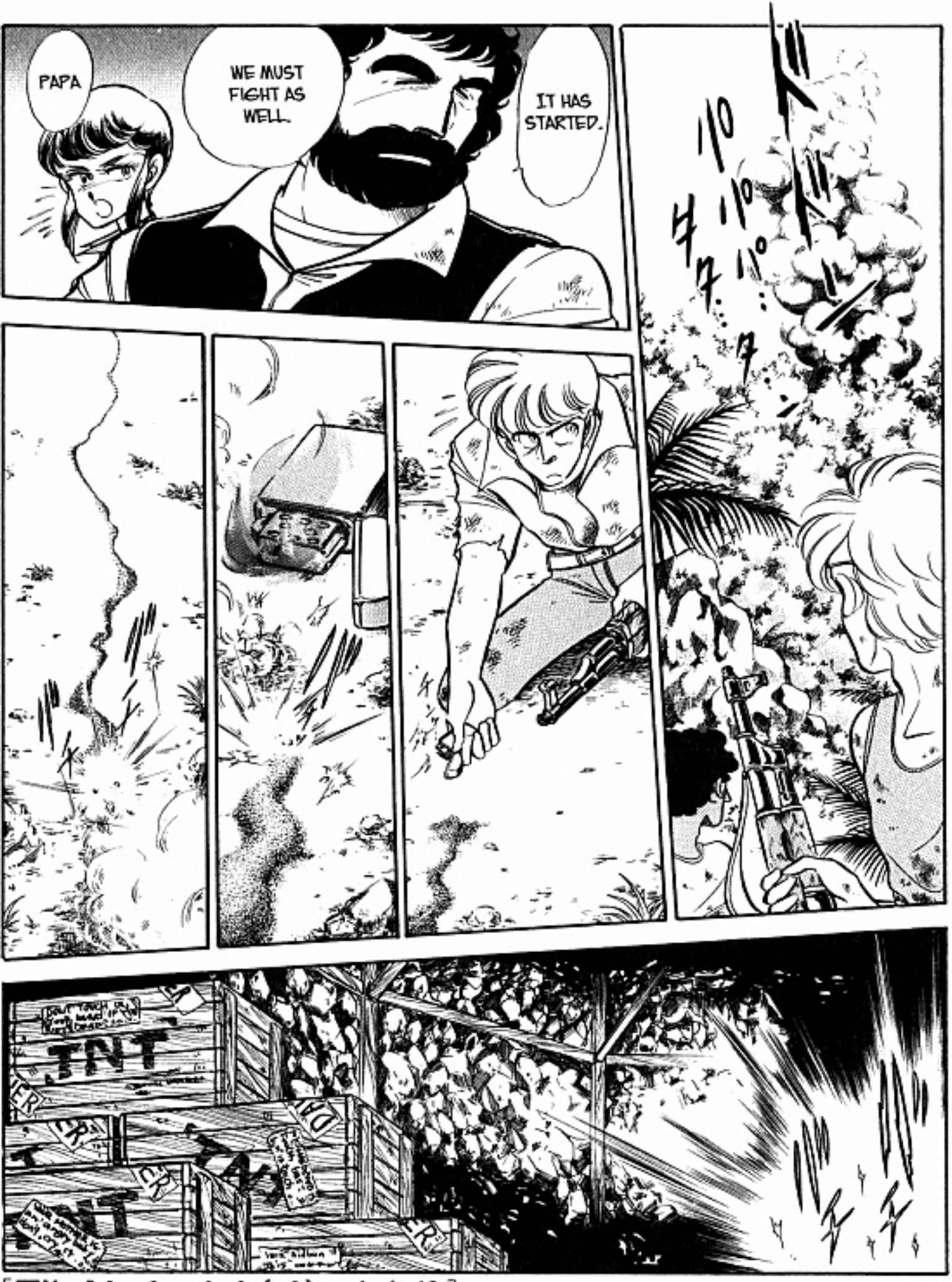
CONTACTING OPERATIONS HQ!! THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARMORED CAR STOLEN BY THE GUERRILLAS
HAS BEEN DESTROYED!!

STOP!
WE GOT A COMMUNICATION FROM THAT PRIVATE CAT SERVICE.
THE GUERRILLA BASE IS THIS WAY!!
LISTEN UP...
KILL THEM ALL.
THE PRESIDENT SAID TO MOP UP EVERY ONE OF 'EM.
THE GUERRILLAS AND THE PRIVATE FORCE.

GO!!
WOW. THEY DON'T WASTE ANY TIME...
AS LONG AS THEY'RE GET-TING PAID ANYWAY.

IF YOU GET KILLED YOU LOSE YOUR PIECE OF THE ACTION
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO IMPRESSED. WE'RE PRETTY GOOD TOO.
WE'LL HAN- DLE THIS AS USUAL.
DIVISION A!! ATTACK!!

HUH!!



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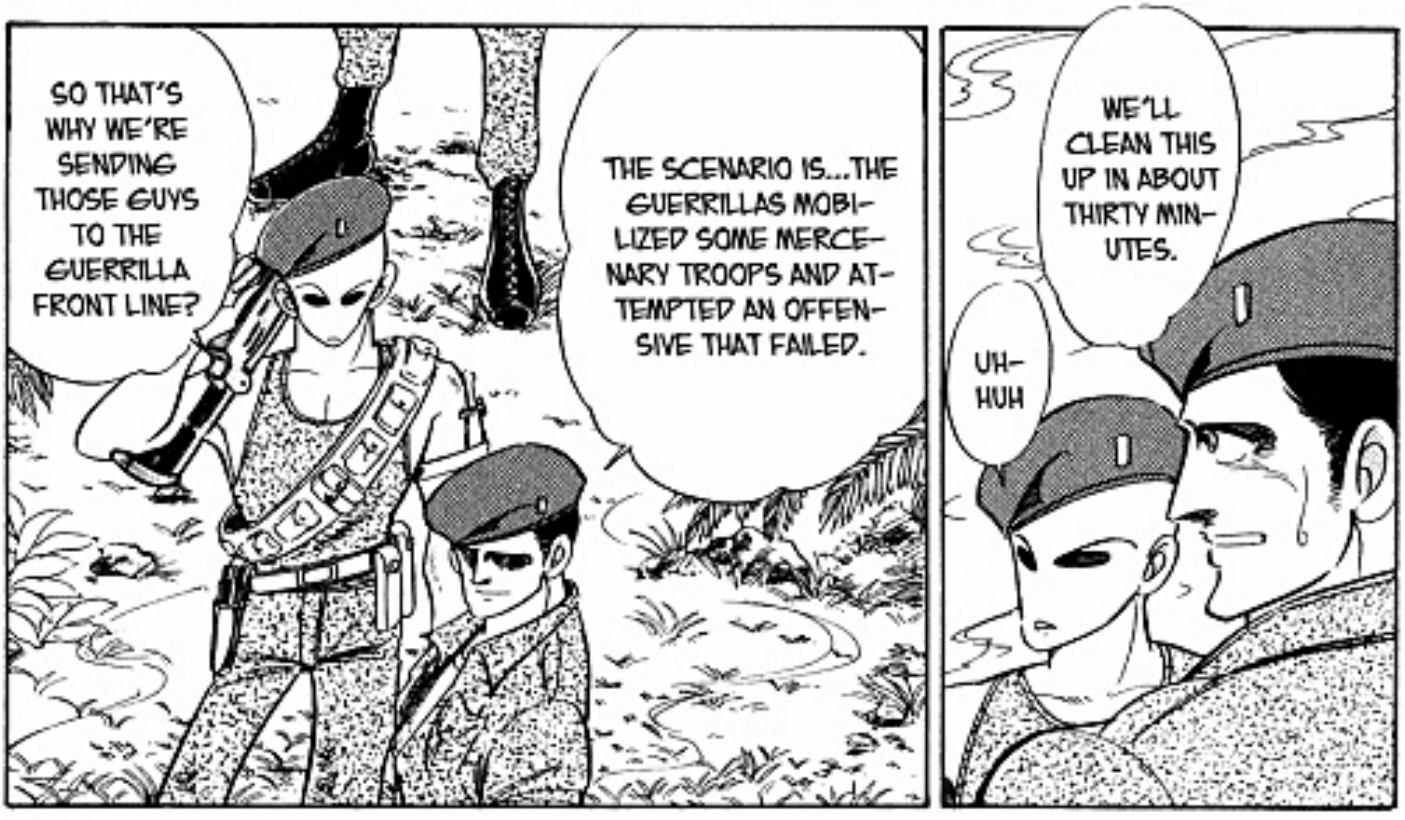
HURRY!!
WE'LL BE OVER-TAKEN!
LEADER!!
WHAT ABOUT THE GUYS FROM CAT?
RUN FOR THE HIGHER GROUND!!
ALL HANDS, EVACU-ATE!!
PAPA
HMM...
...THEY'RE COMING...

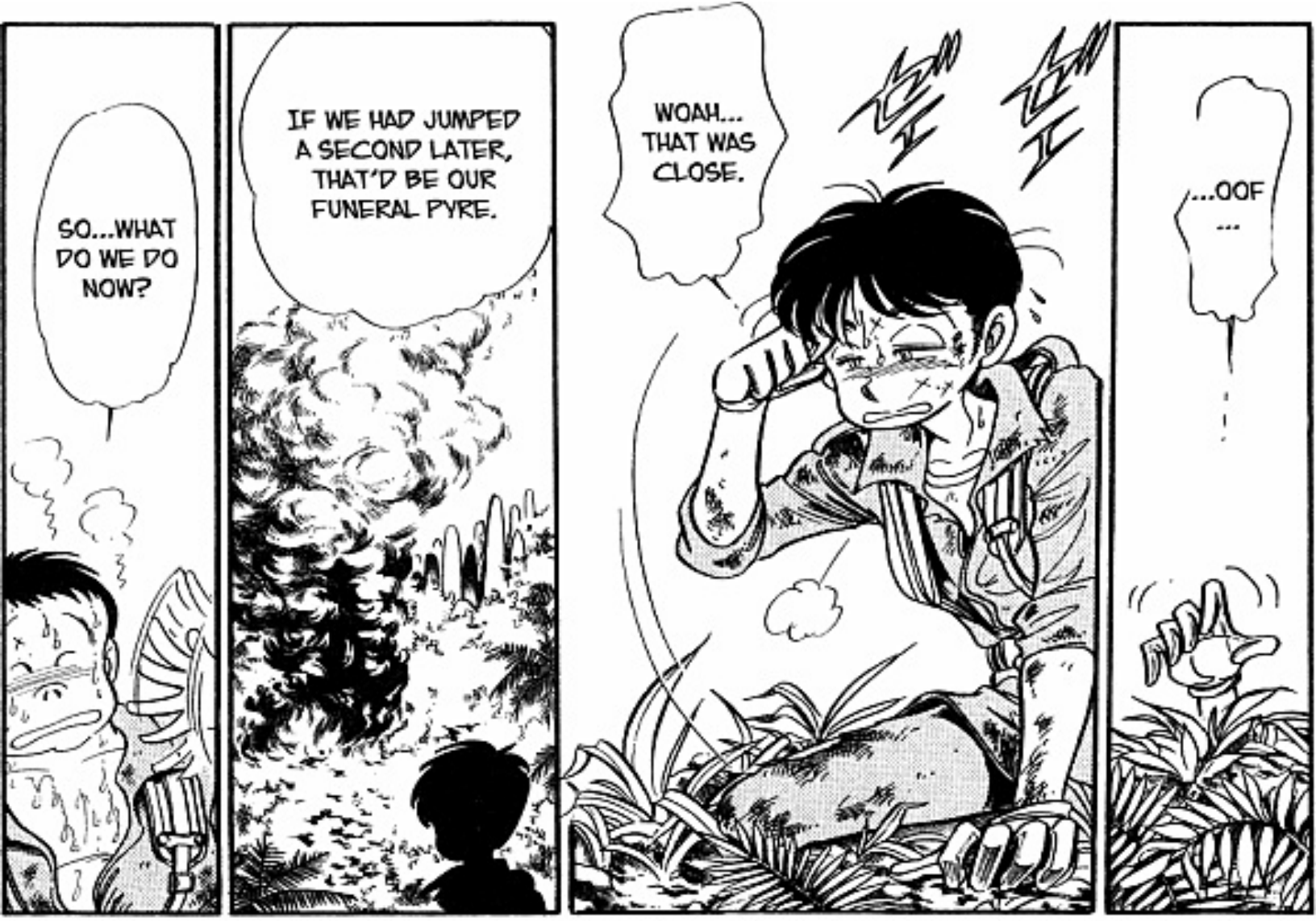
OKAY!! FALL BACK!!
COMMANDER!! THEY'RE GAINING ON US.
UH-HUH
AFTER THEM!! ARMORED CARS TO THE FRONT!!
THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY FROM US!!

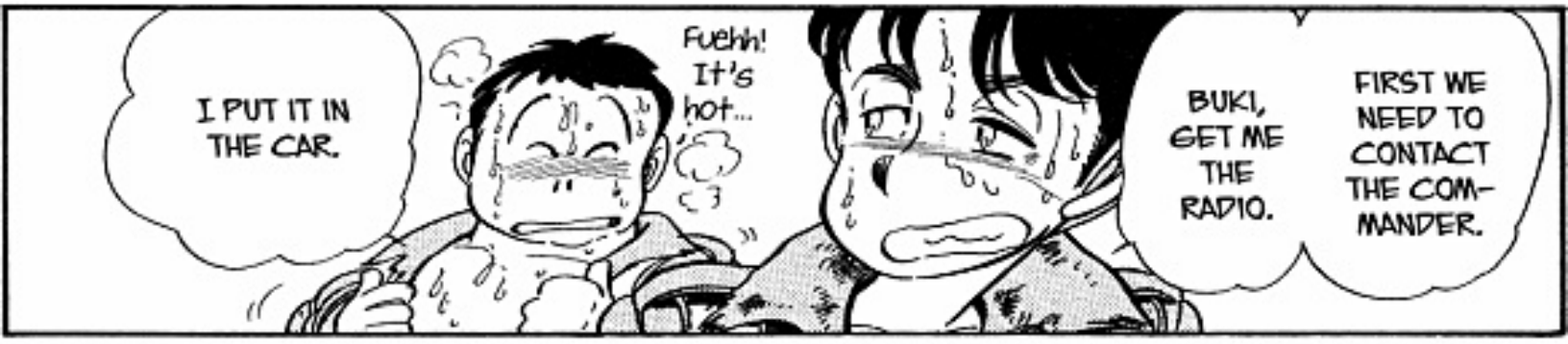
CAT IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. KILL THEM ALL!
MOVE INTO ATTACK POSITIONS!!
CALLING ARMORED REGIMENT!! THIS IS THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD!! SMOKE OUT THE ENEMY MAIN UNIT FROM THE SOUTH SLOPE!!


SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE SENDING THOSE GUYS TO THE GUERRILLA FRONT LINE?
THE SCENARIO IS...THE GUERRILLAS MOBILIZED SOME MERCENARY TROOPS AND ATTEMPTED AN OFFENSIVE THAT FAILED.
WE'LL CLEAN THIS UP IN ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES.
UH-HUH

BUT... NO MATTER WHO THE POLITICIANS ARE, THEY GET THE BEST OF IT, ...THEY ALWAYS PLAY DIRTY.
THE REPUBLICAN GUERRILLAS HAVE GOTTEN FOREIGN TROOPS AND FINANCING FOR THEIR FIGHT...
THEY MEAN TO SELL MOGUERI TO FOREIGN INTERESTS...
THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLICANS IN THE NATION, AND THIS WILL ALLOW US TO ELIMINATE THEM IN ONE FELL SWOOP.

TSK!!
COM-
MAND-
ER!!
MIKE!!
WEIRD...I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT WOULDA STARTED BY NOW.
MAYBE THEY SKIMPED ON POWDER...
I'M FINE! IT WAS JUST A BIT OF SHRAPNEL!!
ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ
A GOVERNMENT AR-
MORED DIVISION IS
APPROACHING UP
THE SOUTH SLOPE!!
COM-
MAND-
ER!!
IT'S TIME! WE'VE GOT TANKS AHEAD OF US AND MERCS BEHIND US. WE'LL BE DONE FOR.
BUT IT'S WHAT WE EXPECT-
ED..
AW CRAP...


SO...WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
IF WE HAD JUMPED A SECOND LATER, THAT'D BE OUR FUNERAL PYRE.
WOAH... THAT WAS CLOSE.
...OOF...


I PUT IT IN THE CAR.
Fuehh! It's hot...
BUKI, GET ME THE RADIO.
FIRST WE NEED TO CONTACT THE COMMANDER.

SOMETHING...
I need waterrrr...
I'VE BEEN THINKING... THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD GOING ON...
WHAT ABOUT THE PHOTO?!

WHEN WE WERE BRIEFED ABOUT THE MISSION AT CAT HEADQUARTERS,
IT SEEMED LIKE WE NEEDED A LOT OF EQUIPMENT...
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT.
AND...THEY'RE TREATING US TWO NEWBIES LIKE BABIES BY SEPARATING US FROM THE MISSION...
Ahhh. I'm starving...
DO THEY THINK WE'LL DRAG THEM DOWN?
SO WHY...ARE WE FIGHTING WITH ONLY SIDEARMS AND HAND GRENADES...
NO IDEA.
ANYWAY...AS LONG WE CAN GET SOME GRUB AND NOTHING HAPPENS, I'M NOT COMPLAINING.
SO...WHAT DO WE DO? WALK TO THE GOVERNMENT BASE?
WE'RE GOING BACK TO HQ. THE PHOTO WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DELIVER WAS BURNED UP ALONG WITH THE CAR.
talking with you is spacing me out.
LOCKE!!
OVER THERE...

!
!!
THE MOUN-TAIN COL-LAPSED ...!!
!
ボ!!
!!
WH-WHAT ON EARTH!!

THERE IT IS!! THERE!! THERE!!
COM-MAND-ER!!
AN EARTH-QUAKE!! NO...THAT?
H-HEY!!
ENA!! WHATEVER HAPPENS, HOLD ON TIGHT!!
PAPA

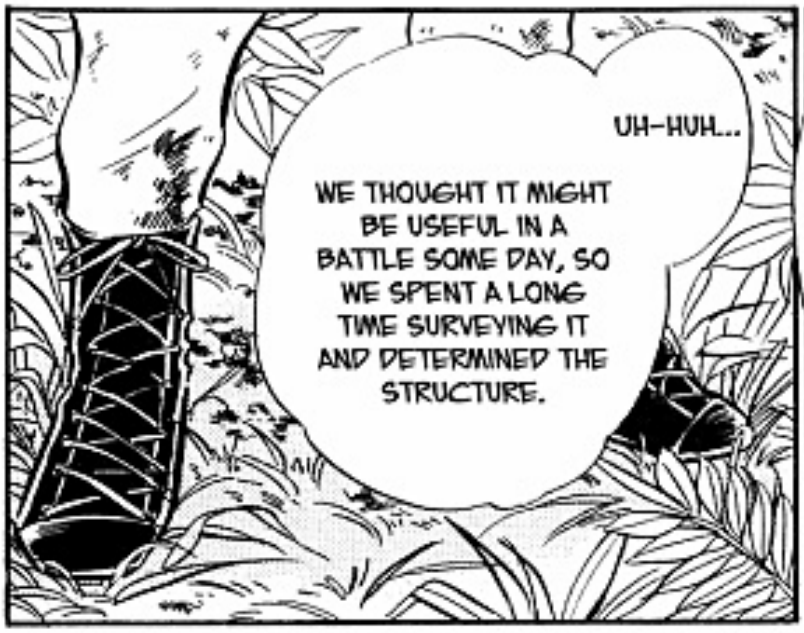
SHIT...!!
!!
A LANDSLIDE!!
GET OUT
NOW!!
SCRAM!!

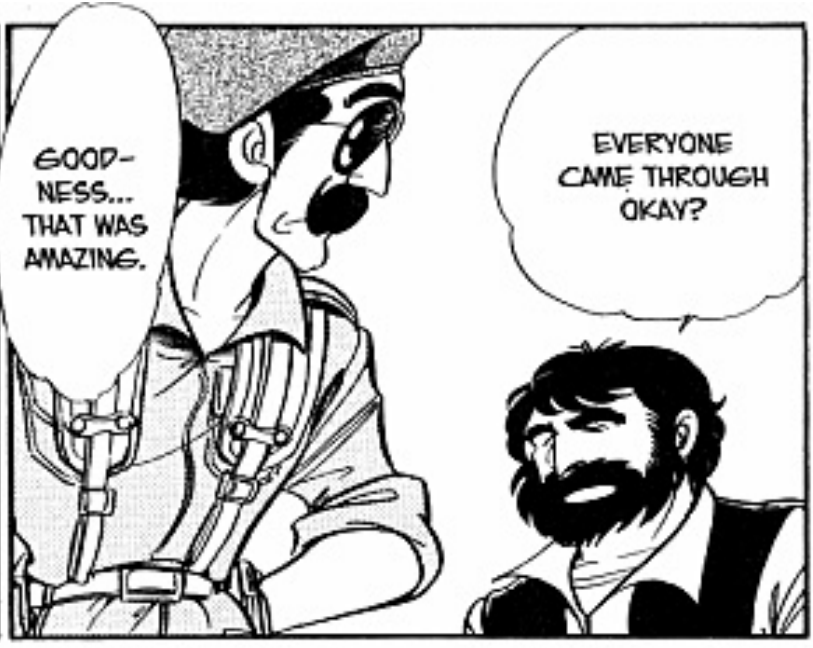
WAHHH!!

H-HOW DID THAT HAP-PEN...ALL OF A SUDDEN...
GUAHHH!!!

AMAZING...

MAN-MADE...
LIEU-TENANT
THAT WASN'T NATURE. IT WAS MAN-MADE.
THE POWER OF NATURE.
AN ARMORED DIVISION AND SPECIAL FORCES... TRASHED WITH ONE STRIKE.
A HUGE AMOUNT OF STONE WAS REMOVED FROM IT. WATER BUILT UP AND WAS HELD BACK BY AN UNDERGROUND DAM.
THE GUERRILLA STRONGHOLD APPEARED TO BE AN ABANDONED MINE... BUT ORIGINALLY IT WAS A ROCK QUARRY.
COMMANDER... DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT AND SET EXPLOSIVE...?
AFTER IT WAS ABANDONED, THE GUERRILLAS STARTED USING IT.
THEY QUIT QUARRYING THERE DUE TO THE WATER BUILDUP.
OH
THE GUERRILLA GENERAL IS HERE.
IF YOU'RE GONNA COMMAND YOU'VE GOTTA KEEP THE GEOGRAPHY AT THE TOP OF YOUR MIND.
OF COURSE I DID...


UH-HUH...
WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN A BATTLE SOME DAY, SO WE SPENT A LONG TIME SURVEYING IT AND DETERMINED THE STRUCTURE.


GOOD-NESS... THAT WAS AMAZING.
EVERYONE CAME THROUGH OKAY?

cough
OH.. WELL...
THAT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID...
WOAH
?

AS ALWAYS... PLAYING BY THE SEAT OF HIS PANTS.
HE DIDN'T THINK ONE MINUTE ABOUT GE-OGRAPHY.
INDEED THAT OUR COMMANDER COULD THINK OF BLOWING UP A MOUNTAIN...

NOW...FOR THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE A GENERAL ELECTION.
AND THE SPECIAL FORCES GONE... THAT TAKES CARE OF...ABOUT 70% OF THE PRESIDENT'S POWER...
WITH THE ARMORED REGIMENT

THANK YOU... COMMANDER ARNOLD.
WITHOUT YOUR HELP, WE COULD NEVER HAVE SET THE TRAP AND BROUGHT ABOUT REPUBLICAN SELF-RULE.
OH...WELL...I'M GLAD WE COULD HELP OUT.

WE CAME ON A COMMISSION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF MOGUERI...BUT WE JOINED WITH THE GUERRILLAS AND OVERTURNED THE GOVERNMENT...
EVEN IF...THE CLIENT WAS A VILLAIN...
WE WENT AGAINST ORDERS FROM HQ...

I SAY WE'D BETTER CONTACT CAT HQ...

BUT WE HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE CLIENT... HE PLANNED TO BILK US...

RULE 20:
IF DURING AN OPERATION THERE IS UNEXPECTED TROUBLE IN CARRYING OUT THE MISSION,
THE COMMANDER IS AUTHORIZED CHANGE THE OBJECTIVES OR CALL A HALT TO THE MISSION.

THE PRESIDENT... SEEMS A LITTLE ...
WELL... I GUESS THE GUERRILLAS?
GENTLEMEN!! WHICH SIDE IS JUSTICE ON IN MOGUERI? THE GUERRILLAS OR THE PRESIDENT?
WE FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE.
IN THIS MOGUERI MISSION
PARTICIPATING ON THE SIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT VIOLATED THE FIRST RULE OF CAT.
THAT IS...
This guy is the master of excuses...
OUR MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED!! WRAPPED UP!
LOCKE!!
GIMME A BREAK! IT'S NOWHERE NEAR OVER! COMMANDER!!

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GOOD!! THE TWO NEWBIES ARE SAFELY BACK!!
WE HAVEN'T LOST ANYONE!!
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!! WRAPPED UP!
UH-HUH... SOMEHOW.
LOCKE!!
YOU'RE SAFE!
UM... AH...OH
NOTHING'S... WRAPPED UP!!
IN SUCH A BIG FIGHT!!
WHAT ABOUT OUR EQUIPMENT!?
..

THERE WAS PROBABLY AN ARMORED CAR OR TWO.
HEAVY WEAPONS INCLUDING ANTI-TANK MISSILES AND ROCKET LAUNCHERS.
WE BROUGHT TEN C CONTAINERS FROM CAT.
WHY IS THAT?
BUT...WE'RE ONLY FIGHTING WITH CAR-15 RIFLES AND HAND GRENADES.
COMMANDER
TH-THAT'S BECAUSE...
...LOCKE...

I SOLD IT ALL OFF...IN EXCHANGE FOR CASH...
...YOU... WHAT...?
!!
TH- THAT'S F- FRAUD...
DAMN... WILLYA SHUT UP AL- READY...
GARY!! EXPLAIN IT TO HIM!!
Whatever...
That's how to make it back alive...
...FUCK...
!!
I'LL TELL YOU, BUT THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO JOIN US...OR DIE...

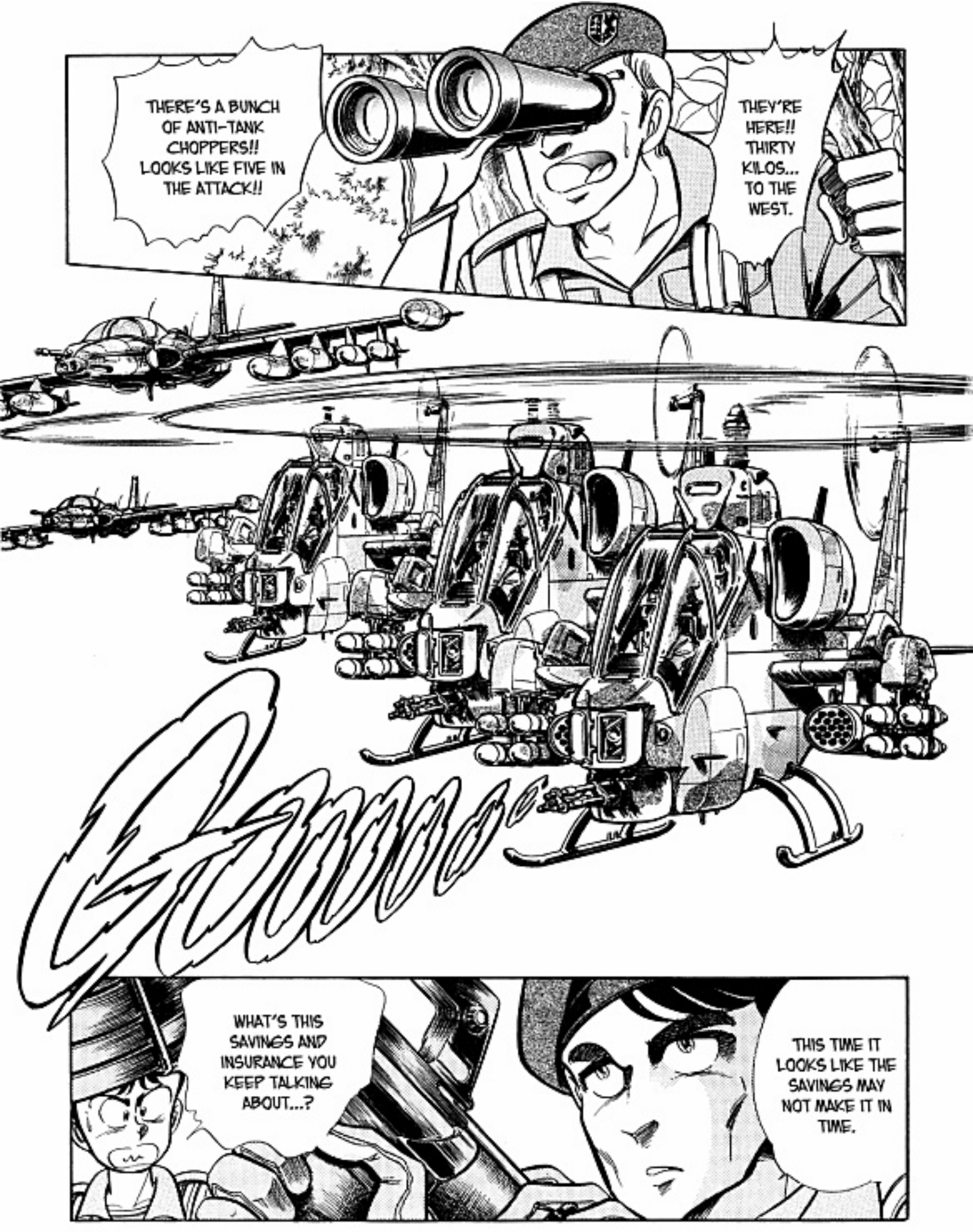
.....

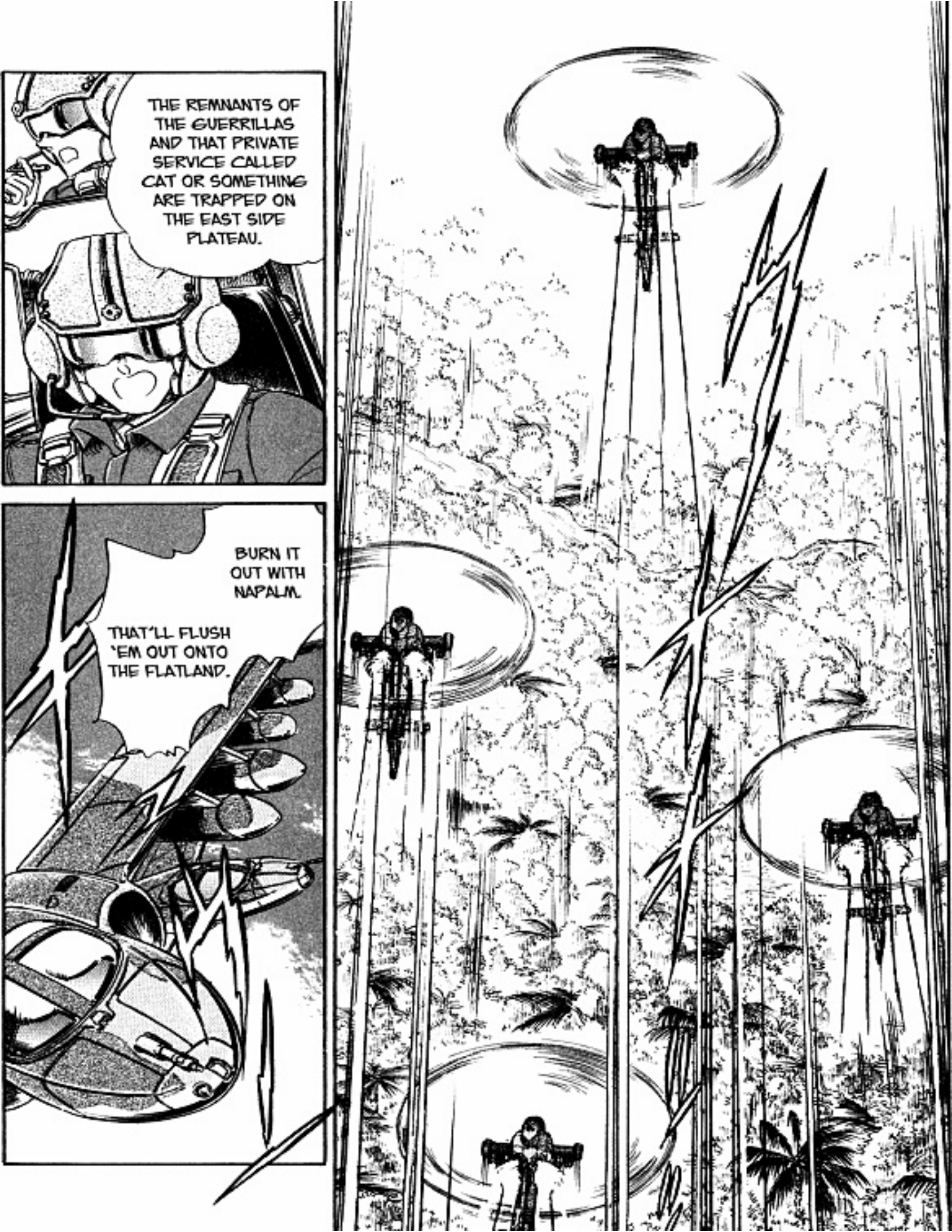
IN TH-THIRTY MINUTES IT'LL BE HERE!!
THE PRESIDENT IS SUPER PISSED AND SENT AN AIR-BORNE UNIT THIS WAY!!
UMM... GOT IT...

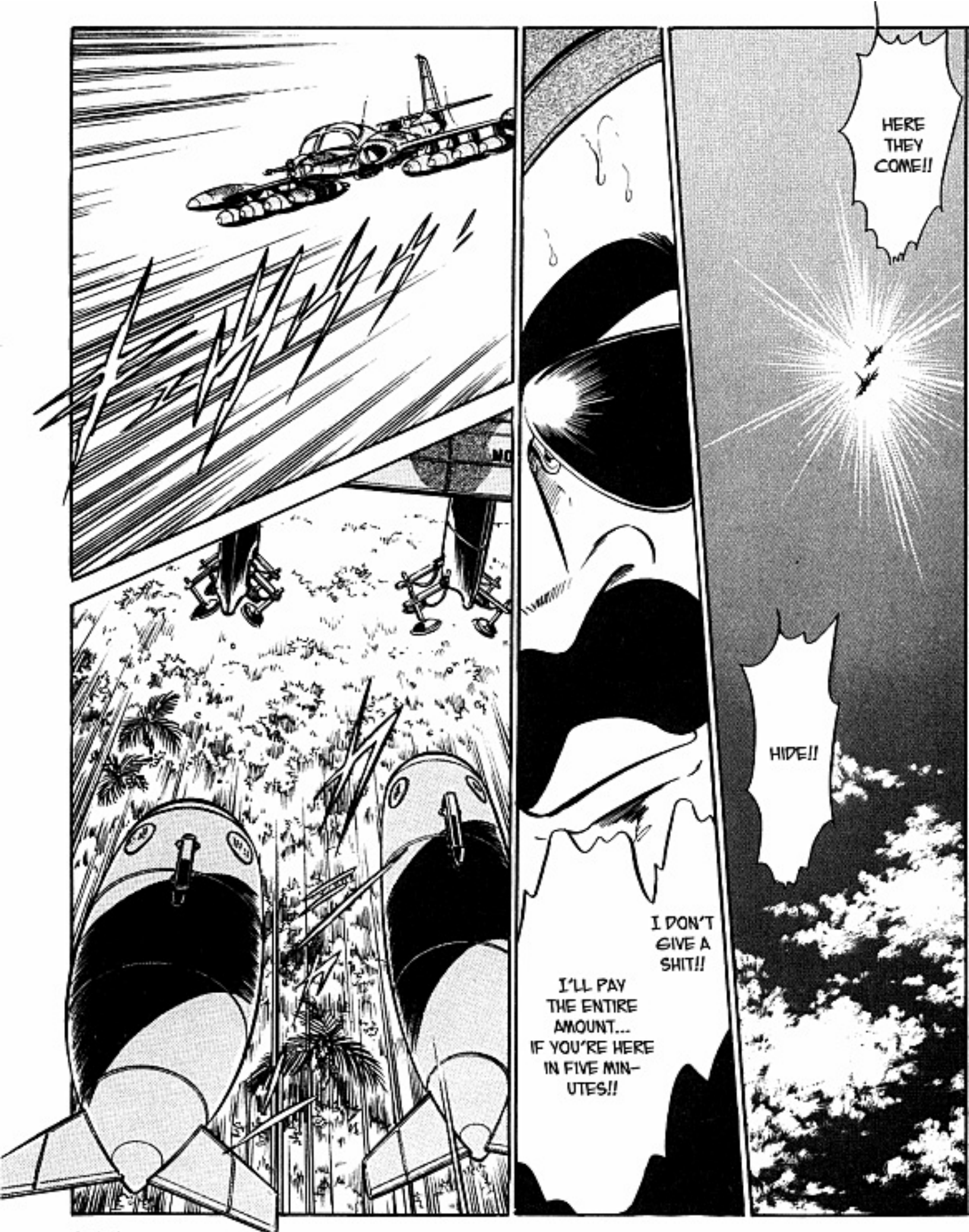
COM-MAND-ER!!
SHIT...WE DIDN'T COUNT ON THAT...
HUH!!

IF IT GOES BADLY WE'LL BE WIPED OUT.
NOW...OUR BASE IS COMPLETELY SMASHED UP...
CONSISTS OF SOME GROUND-ATTACK JETS AND A SINGLE FLIGHT OF ANTI-TANK CHOPPERS.
THE AIR-BORNE UNIT...

I'D SAY... WE CAN MAKE IT AT LEAST FIVE KILOS ...
WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT TO THE MOUNTAIN SIDE. NOR THE FLAT LAND...WE'D HAVE TO TRAVERSE THE RUBBLE LEFT FROM THE AVALANCHE.
HOW... FAR... YOU SAY.
DINKY
HOW FAR CAN WE GET IN THIRTY MIN-UTES?
IT SOUNDS BETTER...IF YOU SAY IN-SURANCE.
I SEE...
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO BLOW SOME OUR SAVINGS...
I SEE... AND HOW MANY PART-TIMERS ARE AVAIL-ABLE?
HOW MUCH DO WE HAVE IN OUR AC-COUNT?
UMM... GENERAL!? IT'S ME, ARNOLD.
GARY!! GIMME THE PHONE!!
?
?
SAVINGS?
PART-TIMERS?
AH... SURE


THERE'S A BUNCH OF ANTI-TANK CHOPPERS!! LOOKS LIKE FIVE IN THE ATTACK!!
THEY'RE HERE!! THIRTY KILOS... TO THE WEST.
Gunship
WHAT'S THIS SAVINGS AND INSURANCE YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT...?
THIS TIME IT LOOKS LIKE THE SAVINGS MAY NOT MAKE IT IN TIME.


THE REMNANTS OF THE GUERRILLAS AND THAT PRIVATE SERVICE CALLED CAT OR SOMETHING ARE TRAPPED ON THE EAST SIDE PLATEAU.
BURN IT OUT WITH NAPALM.
THAT'LL FLUSH 'EM OUT ONTO THE FLATLAND.


HERE THEY COME!!
HIDE!!
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT!!
I'LL PAY THE ENTIRE AMOUNT... IF YOU'RE HERE IN FIVE MIN-UTES!!

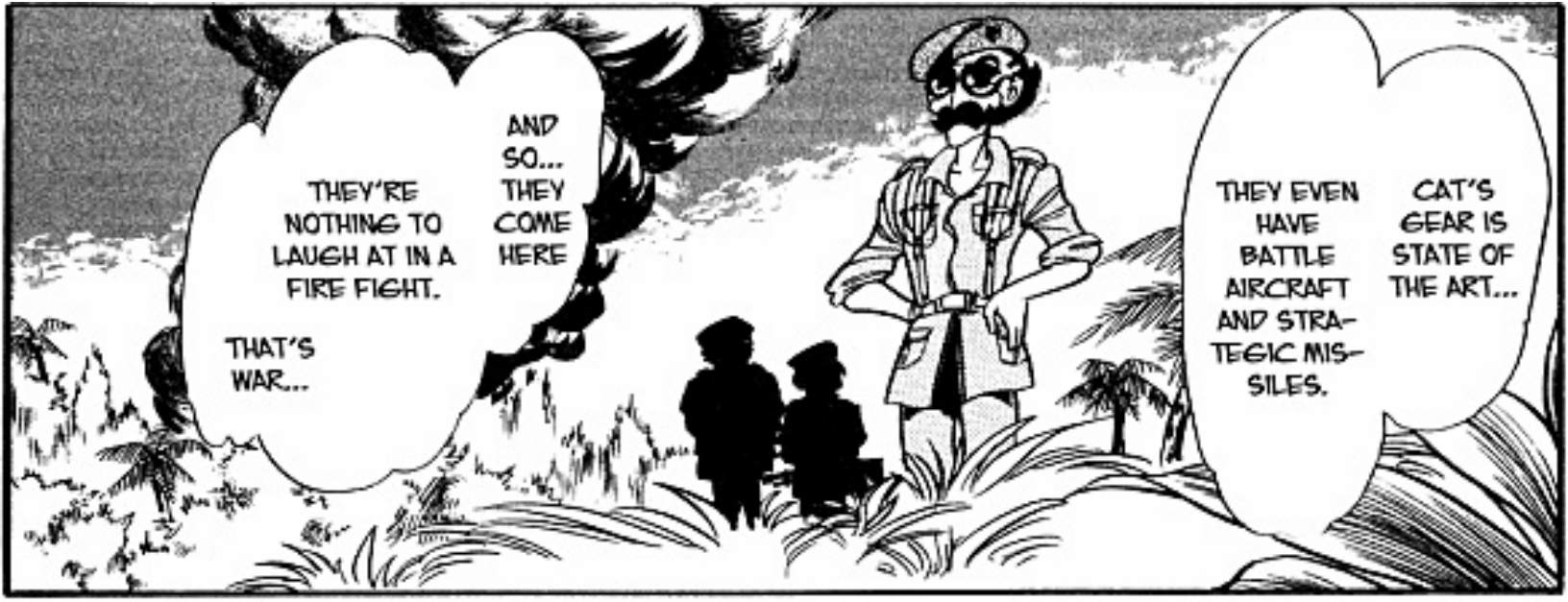
THAT'S NAPALM!! SHIT!!
!!
HEY!!
STOP!! DON'T LEAVE THE JUNGLE!
(sir) Wahh wahh

UWAH!!
PAPA!!

HUH?
HYOH HO HO HO! IT'S A TURKEY HUNT...

!!
UWAH!!
UWAH...
UWAWA
WAUWAH...
UWAWAWA

NOW...WE GOTTA SAVE UP FROM SCRATCH...
DAMN...A TOTAL LOSS...WE BLEW OUR ENTIRE WAD.
Y- YOU CAT GUYS...
EVEN HAVE AN AIR FORCE...?
ALRIGHT!! THAT TAKES CARE OF 'EM...
1 2 3
OR MAYBE, WEAPONS WE REQUISITION BY PADDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MISSION...WE SELL TO AN ARMS DEALER...
IN OTHER WORDS... ANY WEAPONS AND AMMO WE DON'T USE ON A MISSION...
IT'S A WAY OF MAKING SURE WE ALL SURVIVE.
FOR TIMES LIKE NOW.
AND... IT ACCUMU- LATES IN DIVISION A'S ACCOUNT.


CAT'S GEAR IS STATE OF THE ART...
THEY EVEN HAVE BATTLE AIRCRAFT AND STRATEGIC MISSILES.
AND SO... THEY COME HERE
THEY'RE NOTHING TO LAUGH AT IN A FIRE FIGHT.
THAT'S WAR...

IT WAS BARTERING... LIKE PRIMITIVES.
SO... THE MONEY FROM SELLING THE EQUIPMENT... BOUGHT A TANK?

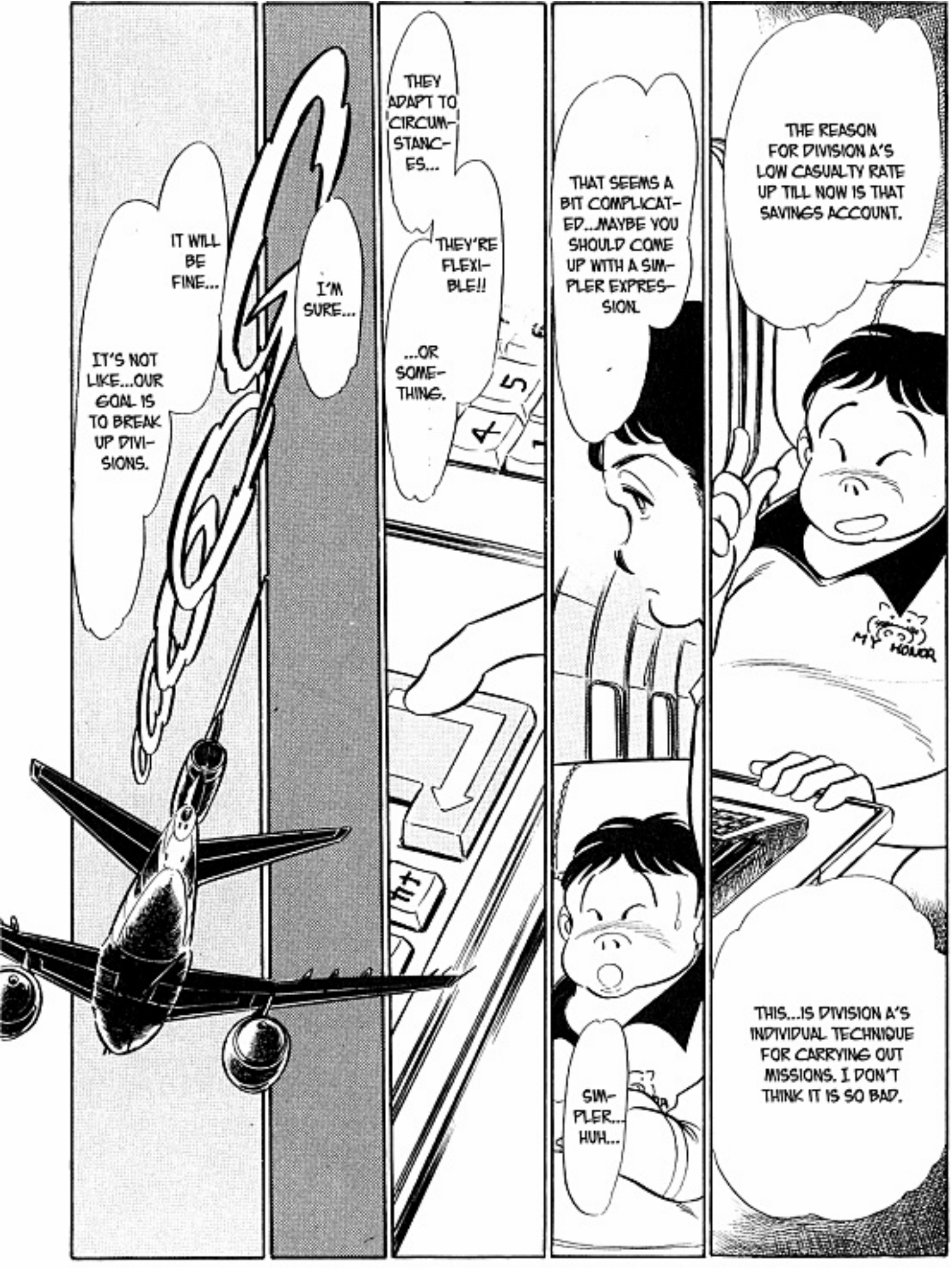
THE BEST PART IS...
WE REQUISITIONED STRATEGIC MISSILES FROM THEIR COMMAND CENTER.
WHAT THEY WANTED WAS TANKS.

BUT...
WHAT IF THE ENEMY HAD BEEN STRONGER THAN HQ'S DATA SAID THEY WERE?
WOULD THERE BE A WAY TO BREAK OFF THE MISSION AND REDO...

...DAMN
SHIT... YOU'RE STILL AN AMATEUR...
WE ARE PROS AFTER ALL. YOU THINK MEEKLY ASKING FOR A REDO WOULD DO ANY GOOD?

THAT DELIV-ERY JUST NOW WIPED OUT OUR ACCOUNT.
WRITE WHATEVER YOU LIKE IN YOUR REPORT.
OH WELL ...
ANYWAY...BECAUSE OF THAT SAVINGS ACCOUNT...ONE PHONE CALL WILL DELIVER BATTLE AIRCRAFT TO OUR DOORSTEP.
DON'T BE STUPID.
WE KNOW YOU'RE THE GUY FROM TEAM A.
?
REPORT...? WHAT REPORT IS THAT?
THAT'S... THE ACTUAL SITUATION WITH MY DIVISION A.
HE ISN'T TEAM A.
THIS GUY IS JUST A NEWBIE.
I'M INSPECTOR PAUL MCGREGOR OF INTERNAL AUDIT.
TEAM A WOULD BE ME...

AS FOR THE MOGUERI REPUBLICANS...
THEY HAVE A STRONG CHANCE OF SWEEPING THE GENERAL ELECTION IN TWO MONTHS...
AND IF WANDABA BECOMES PRIME MINISTER, THE SOUTH AMERICAN COLLECTIVE COULD ACTUALLY HAPPEN...
WHAT WILL YOU PUT IN YOUR REPORT?
I GUESS...YOU'LL REPORT THE FRAUD...AND THE DIVISION WILL BE DISBANDED?
SAY...BUKI I MEAN...PAUL...
WELL...TRUTH IS TRUTH.
I HAVE TO REPORT TRUTHFULLY.
BUT... WELL...


THE REASON FOR DIVISION A'S LOW CASUALTY RATE UP TILL NOW IS THAT SAVINGS ACCOUNT.
THAT SEEMS A BIT COMPLICATED...MAYBE YOU SHOULD COME UP WITH A SIMPLER EXPRESSION.
THEY ADAPT TO CIRCUMSTANCES...
THEY'RE FLEXIBLE!!
...OR SOMETHING.
IT WILL BE FINE...
I'M SURE...
IT'S NOT LIKE...OUR GOAL IS TO BREAK UP DIVISIONS.
THIS...IS DIVISION A'S INDIVIDUAL TECHNIQUE FOR CARRYING OUT MISSIONS. I DON'T THINK IT IS SO BAD.
SIMPLER... HUH...

DELTA FLIGHT 281 IS NOW BOARDING...
Oh! ♡ The little bunnies.
ABC
Stay away, harassment king!!
GIRLS HAVE IT EASY.
IT LOOKS LIKE ALL YOU DID WAS GO TO PARTIES AND EAT AND DRINK. HAVE YOU GAINED WEIGHT?
HOW MANY... GIRLS DID YOU ATTACK...
LOOK AT THAT SUNTAN...I'M SURE THEY SPENT THE WHOLE TIME LOAFING.
!!!
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW... WATCH THE OVA!! IT WAS TOUGH!
EH? WHAT HAPPENED WITH OUR MISSION?

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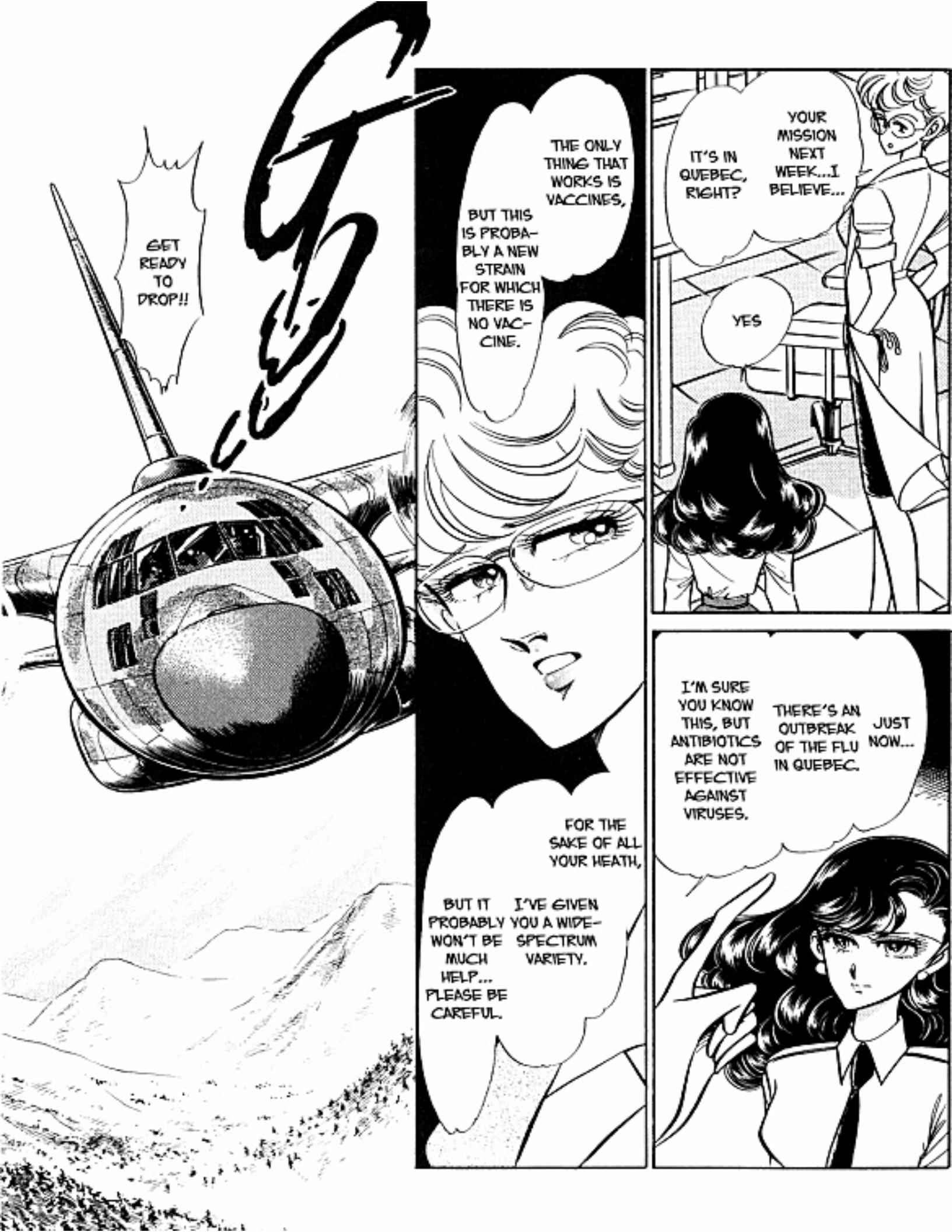
WAHHH
YOU'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE WITHOUT YOUR VACCINES.
MEH HHH
NOW, BE A GOOD GIRL AND DON'T CRY.

IF YOU AREN'T INOCULATED, A DISEASE WILL KILL YOU BEFORE A BULLET HAS THE CHANCE.
CAT OPERATIVES HAVE TO TRAVEL TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.
♬
THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT....HERE, HAVE SOME CANDY.
BUT...I HATE SHOTS!!
THAT'S EVERYONE.
?
YUMMY
YOU ARE SUCH A LITTLE CHILD...
?
MARIE COME HERE A MINUTE.


GET READY TO DROP!!
THE ONLY THING THAT WORKS IS VACCINES,
BUT THIS IS PROBA-BLY A NEW STRAIN FOR WHICH THERE IS NO VAC-CINE.
FOR THE SAKE OF ALL YOUR HEATH,
I'VE GIVEN YOU A WIDE-SPECTRUM VARIETY.
BUT IT PROBABLY WON'T BE MUCH HELP... PLEASE BE CAREFUL.
YOUR MISSION NEXT WEEK...I BELIEVE...
IT'S IN QUEBEC, RIGHT?
YES
I'M SURE YOU KNOW THIS, BUT ANTIBIOTICS ARE NOT EFFECTIVE AGAINST VIRUSES.
THERE'S AN OUTBREAK OF THE FLU IN QUEBEC.
JUST NOW...

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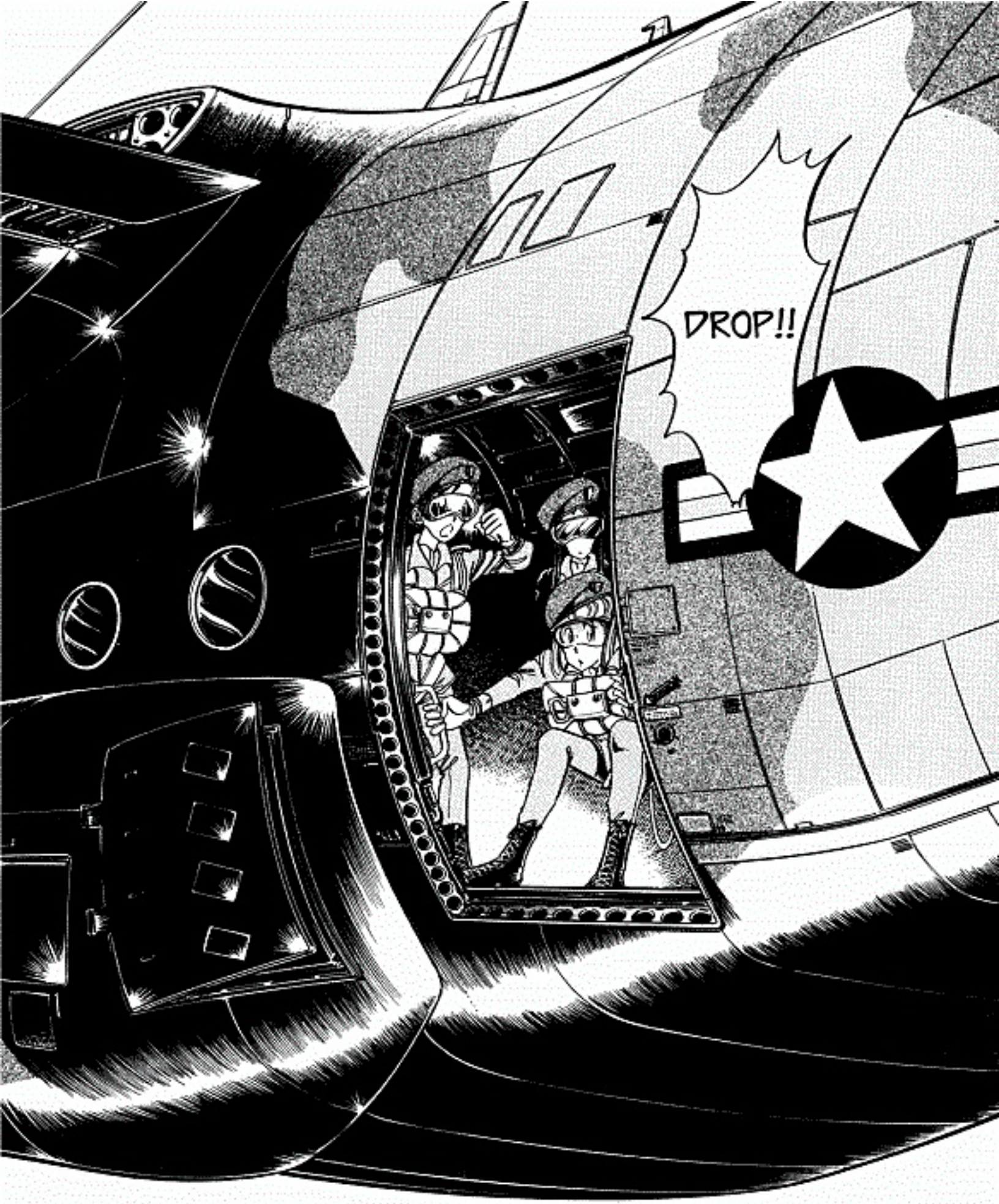

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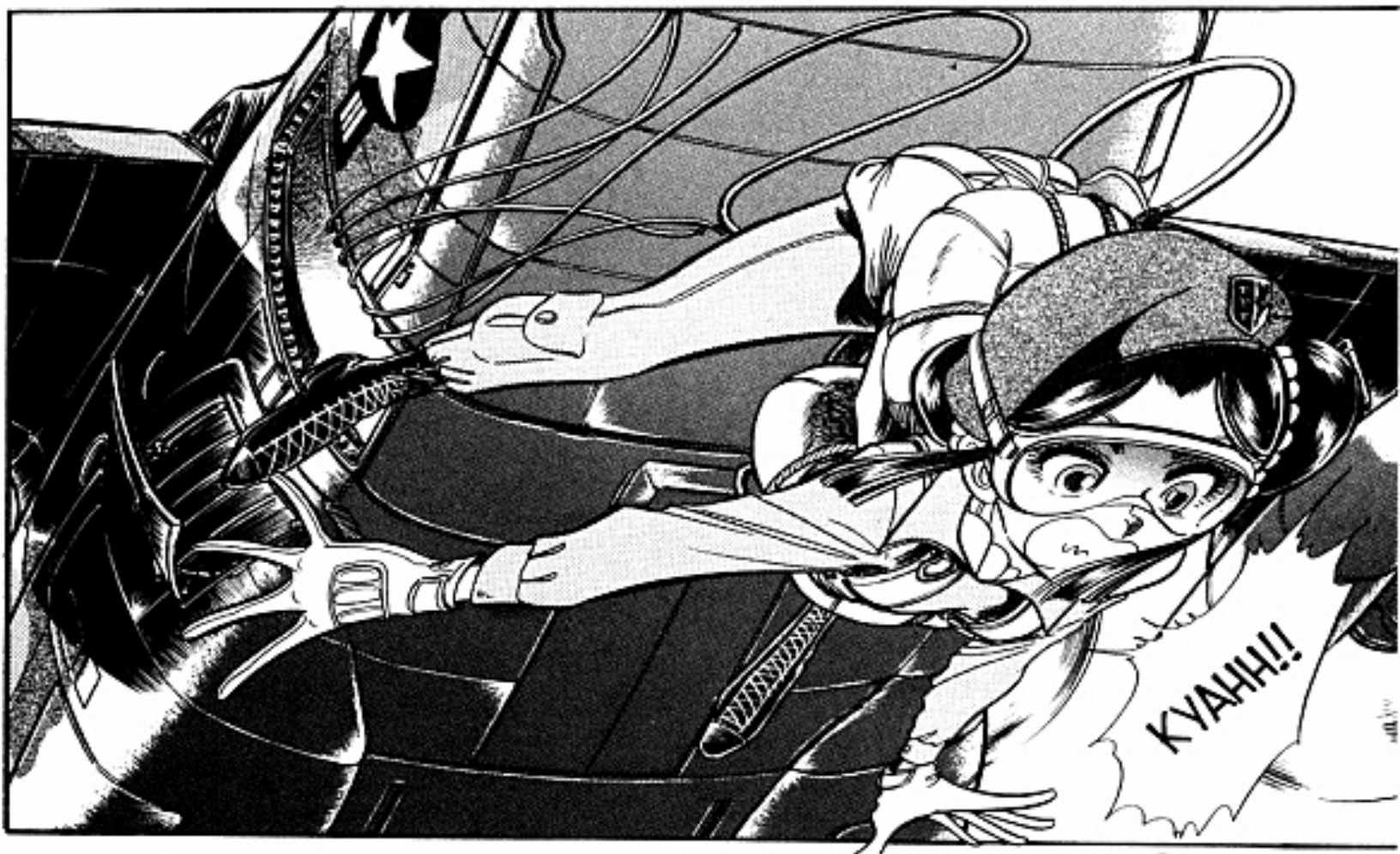
YOU HATE VAC-CINES AND YOU HATE AIRDROPS. YOU SURE ARE THE PICKY ONE!
WAHH. I DON'T LIKE AIRDROP MISSIONS...


KYAHH!!

I'M GOING NOW!
AIRDROP MISSIONS ARE DANGEROUS, SO DON'T GET RAMBUNC-TIOUS!!
IRENE

ROGER
COMMANDER MARIE YOU'RE LAST.
YOU CAN SCOLD ME...WHEN WE GET DOWN... FOR AS LONG...AS... YOU...LIKE

HELGA!! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
CHARLIE ONE HAS TURNED AROUND. AFTER THE EQUIPMENT CONTAINERS DROP
SEND UP A FLARE.
!!
THE WIND...
MARIE!!
BELOW...
EH?

HYAHH...
UH-OH!!
A SQUALL!!
DAMN!!

HYEE
FOLD YOUR PARA-CHUTES AT ONCE!!
KYA HH
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SHE SAYS THAT, BUT...

AH
AH
AH
CRIS
ME-
DIC!!
I CAN
TELL
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LOOKING.
HELGA!!
WE'RE GOING
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MARIE!!
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THE COM-
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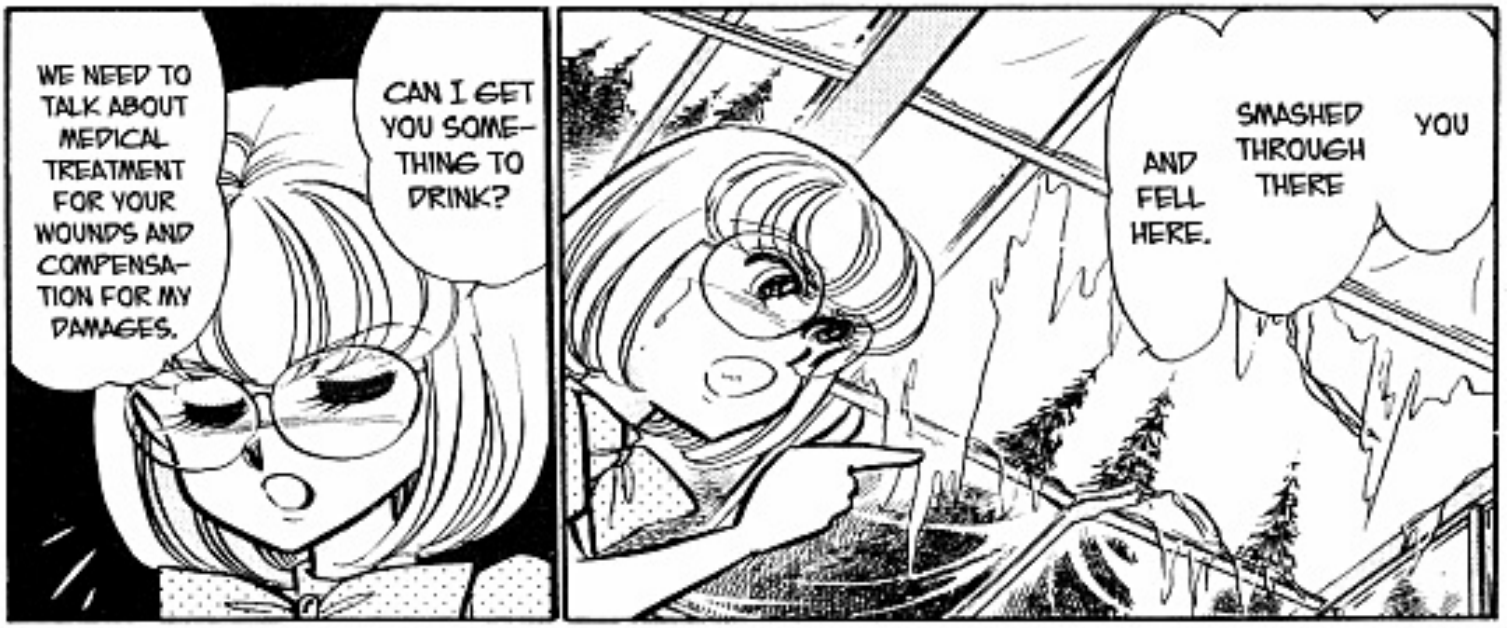
KYE HHH..
AH...THIS IS NOT GOOD...
WE COULD DIE...
LIN!! IRENE!! YOU CAN'T GIVE UP!

MA-
RIE!!
LIEUTENANT!!
POLLY AND JEANNE HAVE BROKEN BONES!!
NINA AND CRIS HAVE DIS-LOCATED SHOUL-DERS!!
This is Charlie One calling base!!
We had a squall in the middle of the airdrop!!
It looks like the operatives are in trouble.
MARIE!!
RESPOND!!
MARIE!!

.....
ON ONE SIDE... PRETTY FLOWERS...
HEAVEN?... DID I...DIE?
AND... IT'S SO WARM...
WHO ARE YOU?

WHERE AM I?
IN MY GREEN-HOUSE.


YOU SMASHED THROUGH THERE AND FELL HERE.
CAN I GET YOU SOME-THING TO DRINK?
WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR YOUR WOUNDS AND COMPENSA-TION FOR MY DAMAGES.

I DON'T MIND SKY DIVING,
THE ONLY ONE WHO FELL IS YOU.
BUT YOU NEED TO FULLY CONSIDER THE RISKS.
TODAY'S ADULTS ARE ADDICTED TO THEIR LEISURE PURSUITS AND DON'T GIVE ANY THOUGHT TO HOW THEY MIGHT BE INCONVENIENC-ING OTHERS... I GUESS.
I'M SO SORRY...
Wow...this kid sure is mature...
I'M ASTOUNDED... THERE ARE TWO MORE OF YOU?
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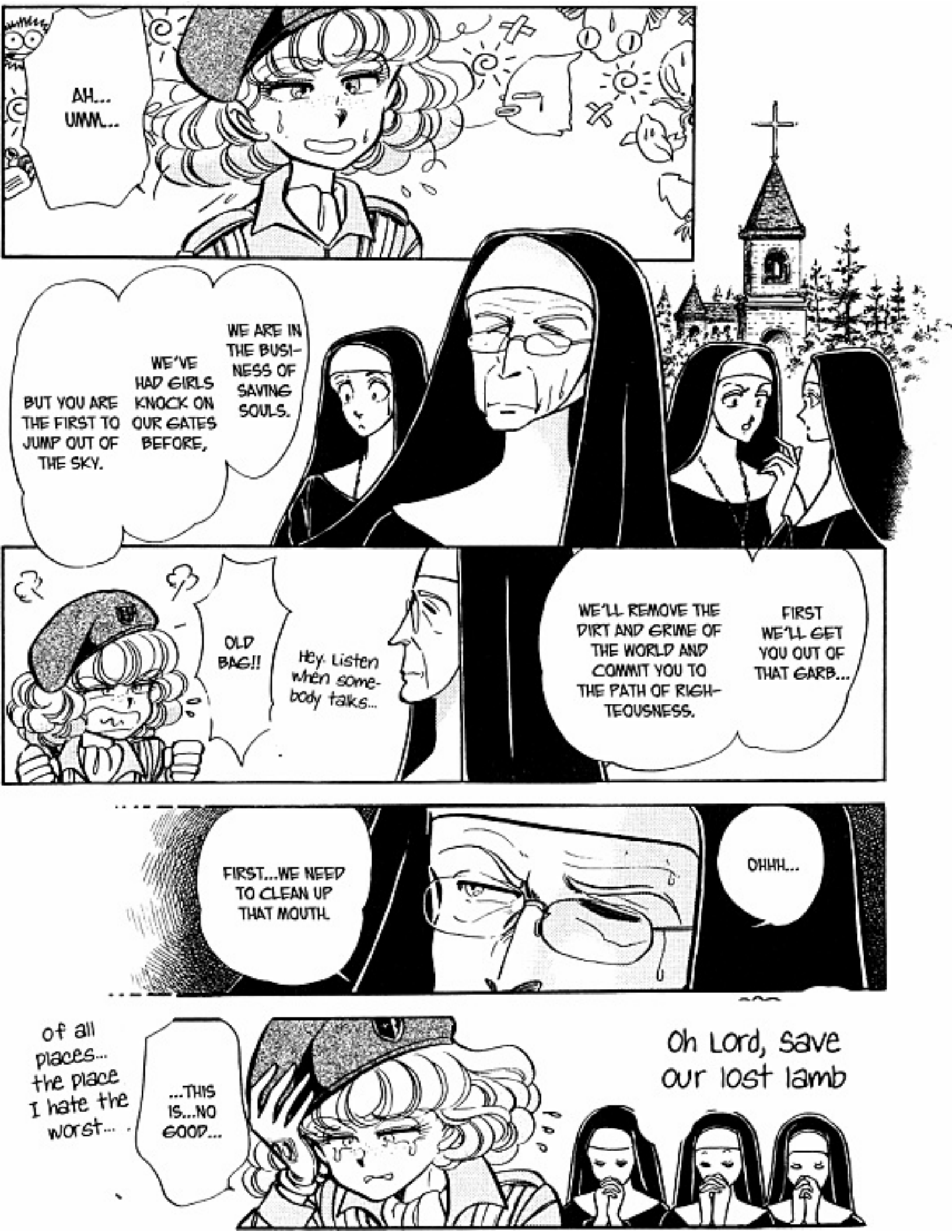
AH... UM
WAS IT... JUST ME? DIDN'T TWO OTHERS...FALL AS WELL?


AH... UMM...
BUT YOU ARE THE FIRST TO JUMP OUT OF THE SKY.
WE'VE HAD GIRLS KNOCK ON OUR GATES BEFORE,
WE ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF SAVING SOULS.
OLD BAG!!
Hey. Listen when somebody talks...
WE'LL REMOVE THE DIRT AND GRIME OF THE WORLD AND COMMIT YOU TO THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.
FIRST WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF THAT GARB...
FIRST...WE NEED TO CLEAN UP THAT MOUTH.
OHHH...
of all places... the place I hate the worst...
...THIS IS...NO GOOD...
Oh Lord, save our lost lamb

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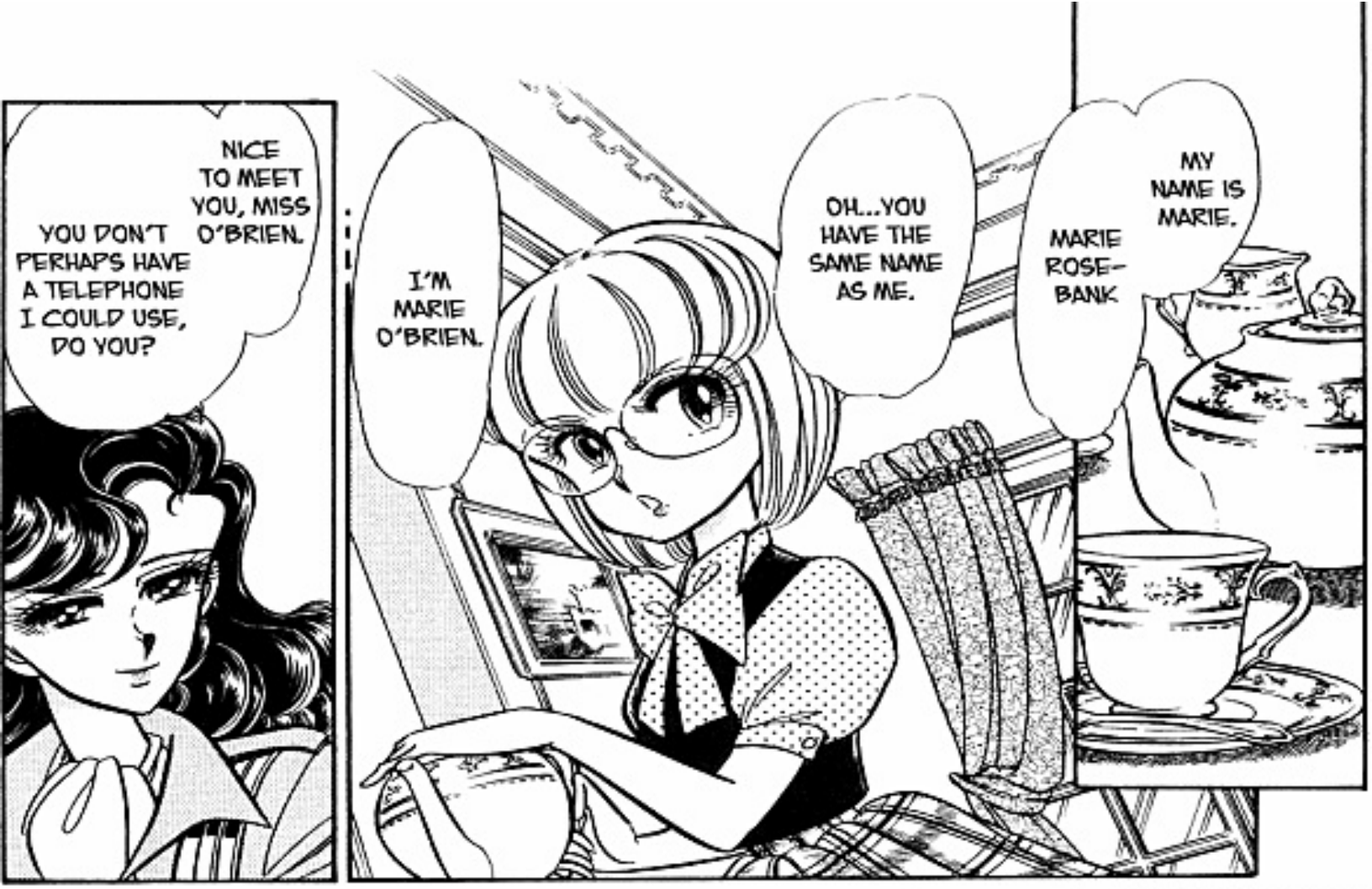
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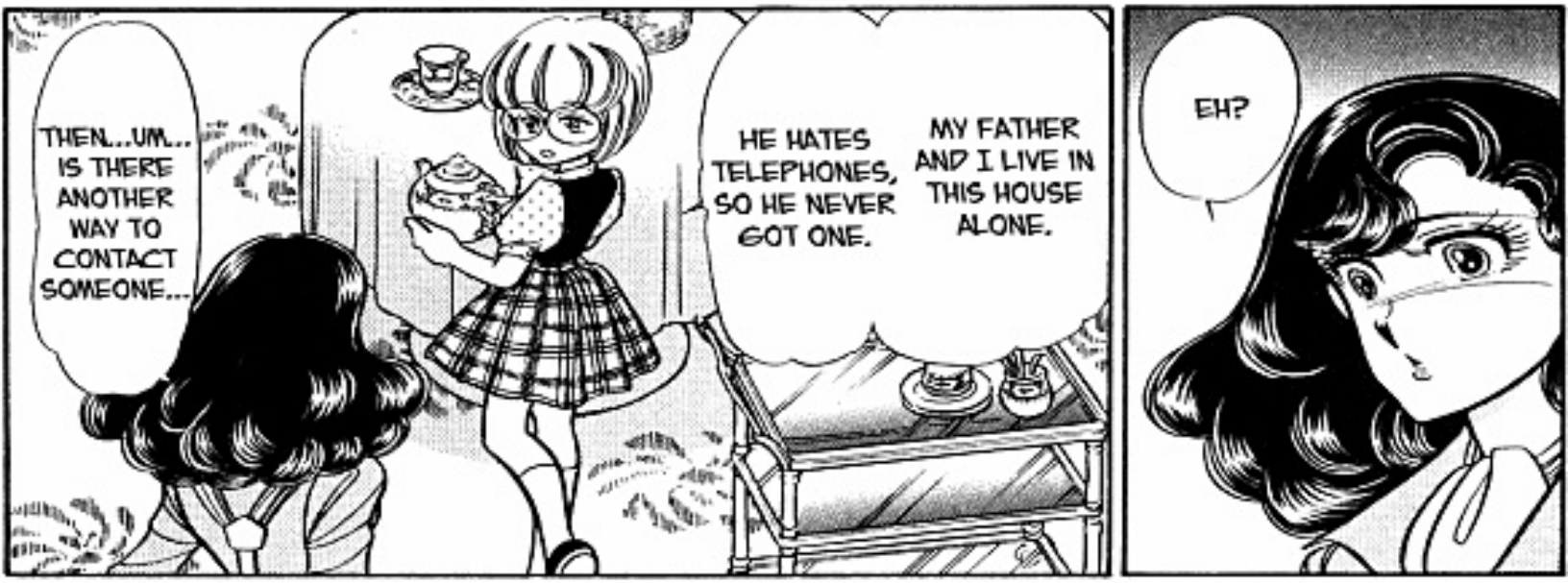
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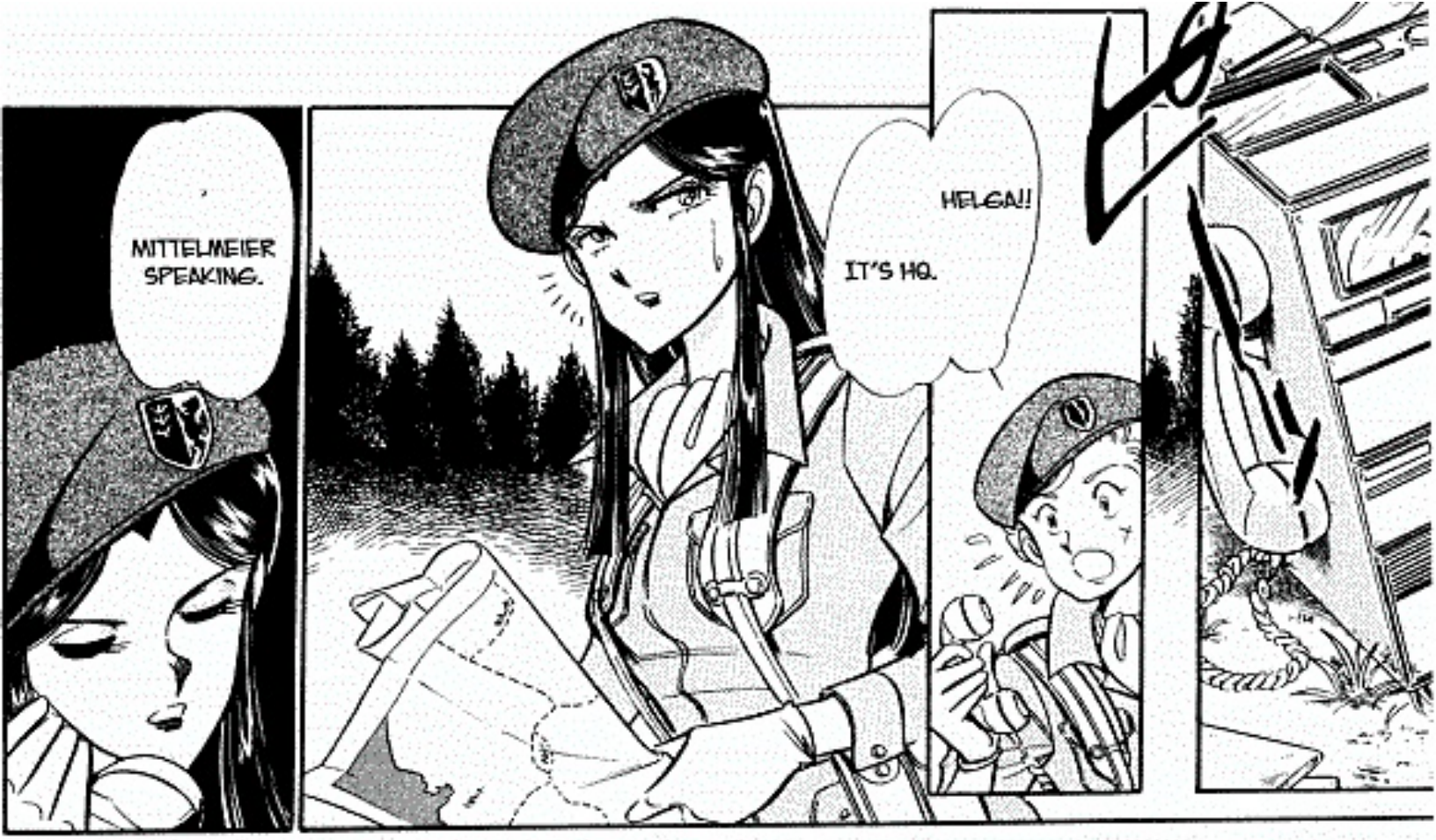
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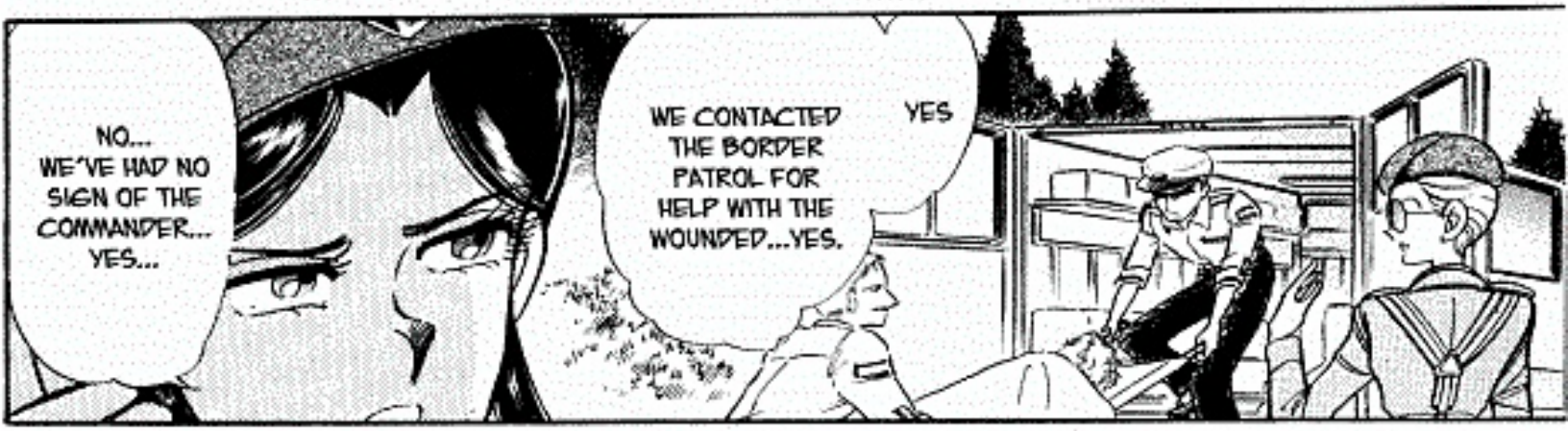
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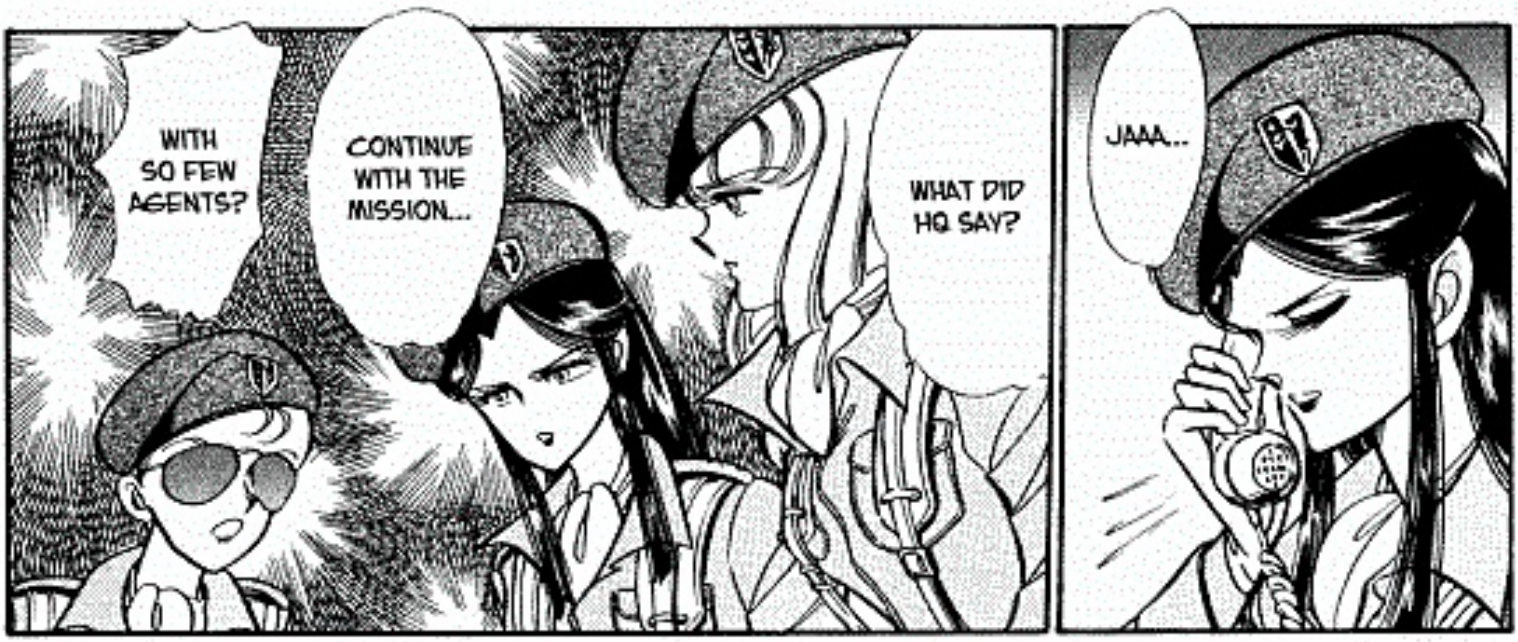
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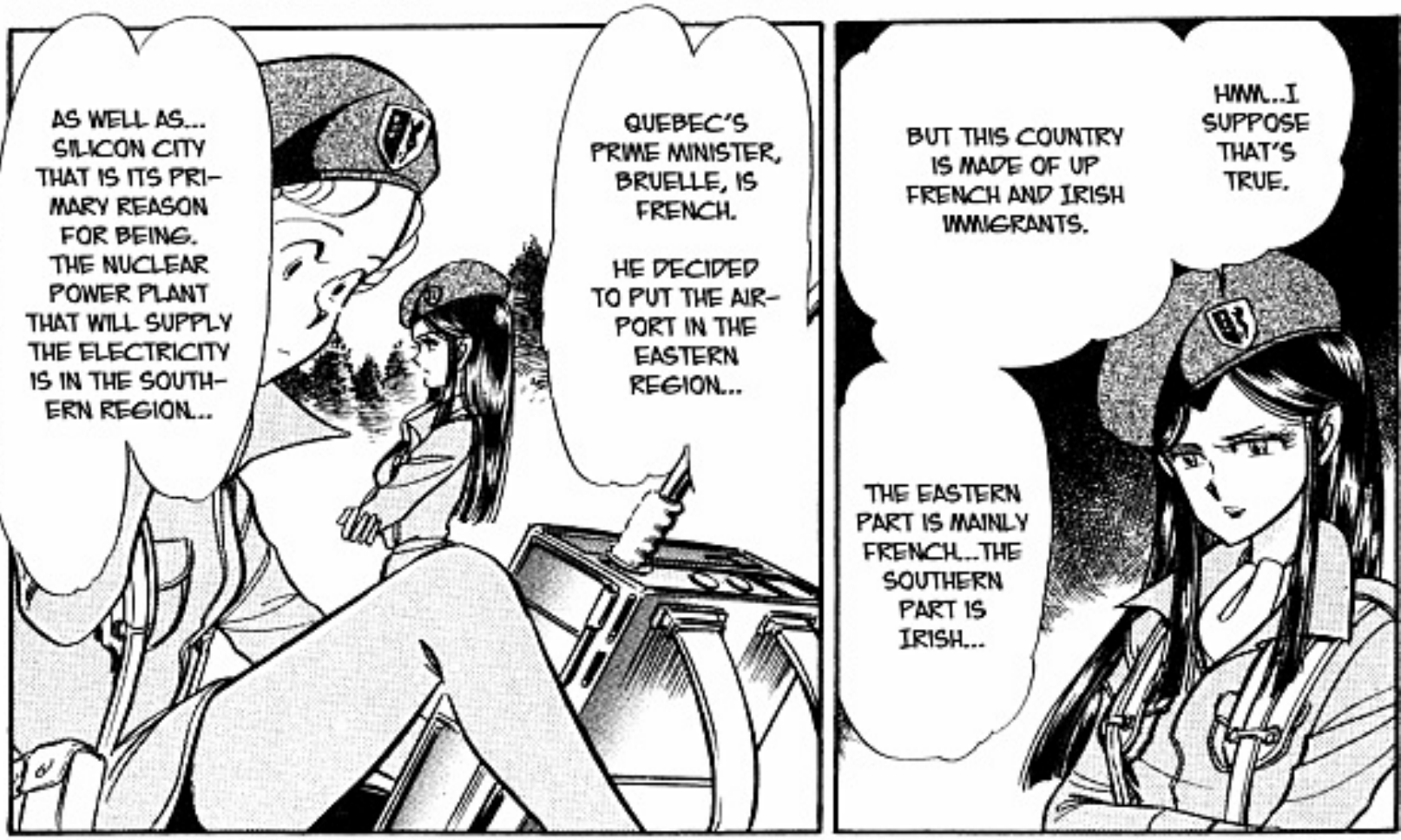
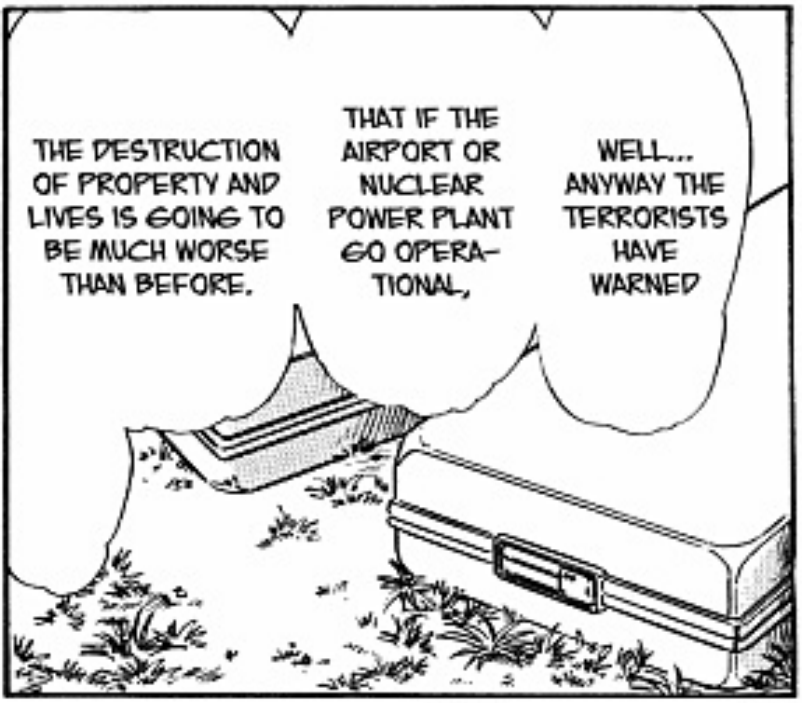
I SEE...EVEN AN INLAND DISTRICT CAN CREATE PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT TO LARGE CITIES. ALL IT NEEDS IS AN AIRPORT...
BUT...WHY ARE THEY A TARGET OF TERRORISM?
THE COUNTRY IS BECOMING LESS POOR...


AS WELL AS... SILICON CITY THAT IS ITS PRIMARY REASON FOR BEING. THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT THAT WILL SUPPLY THE ELECTRICITY IS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION...
QUEBEC'S PRIME MINISTER, BRUELLE, IS FRENCH.
HE DECIDED TO PUT THE AIRPORT IN THE EASTERN REGION...
BUT THIS COUNTRY IS MADE OF UP FRENCH AND IRISH IMMIGRANTS.
HMM...I SUPPOSE THAT'S TRUE.
THE EASTERN PART IS MAINLY FRENCH...THE SOUTHERN PART IS IRISH...

BUT...THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANY VALID REASON FOR TERRORISM!!
IN OTHER WORDS...THE IRISH FEEL LIKE THEY GOT THE SHORT END OF THE STICK...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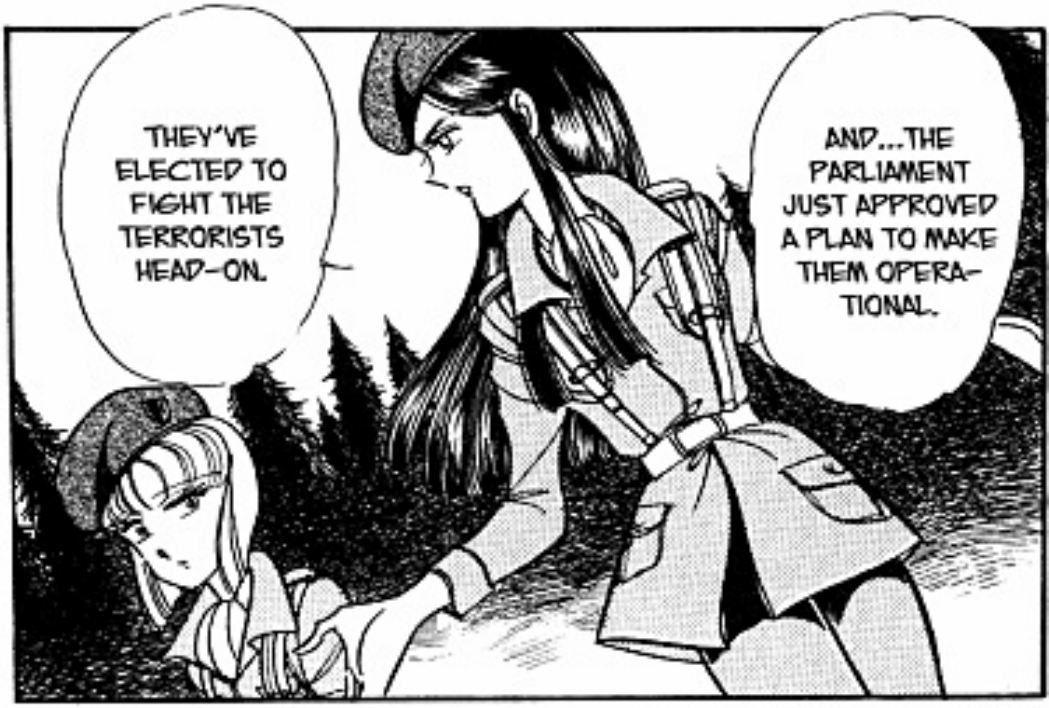
THAT IF THE AIRPORT OR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT GO OPERA-TIONAL,
WELL... ANYWAY THE TERRORISTS HAVE WARNED

IF THERE WERE ALWAYS VALID REASONS FOR TERRORISM, CRIMES WOULD SUDDENLY BECOME LEGAL.
TERRORIST DON'T NEED VALID REASONS.

AND THEY ARE RELYING ON CAT?


THEY'VE ELECTED TO FIGHT THE TERRORISTS HEAD-ON.
AND...THE PARLIAMENT JUST APPROVED A PLAN TO MAKE THEM OPERA-TIONAL.

IS SPILLING THE BLOOD OF CHILDREN...
THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE COUNTING ON.
EXACTLY...
BUT...THE TERRORISTS STILL HAVEN'T MADE A MOVE, RIGHT?
AND THE ONES WHO SUFFER ARE THE CITIZENS... AS USUAL...
BUT NOT ONE HAS EVER HELD A GUN.
THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ACT TOUGH AND VOTE TO FIGHT THE TERRORISTS,
THE THING THAT MARIE DESPISES MOST...
IF WE WAIT FOR THAT, IT'S TOO LATE...

MARIE
IF I DON'T DO A TEMPORARY FIX ON THAT GREENHOUSE, IT'LL GET SOAKED.
IT'S NO TIME TO BE CASUALLY DRINKING TEA.
UH-OH... IT LOOKS LIKE THE WEATHER IS TURNING BAD.
MARIE
THIS IS REALLY AN OLD-STYLE HOUSE...
I WONDER WHAT HER FATHER DOES FOR A LIVING...
MARIE
WHERE ARE YOU?
WEIRD...IT FEELS LIKE I'M CALLING OUT TO MYSELF.
!

MARIE, ARE YOU HERE?
WH- WHAT HAPPENED HERE...?
!!

DON'T JUST GO WANDERING THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON'S HOUSE WITHOUT LEAVE...
MARIE!! WHAT IS THIS...
FATHER'S LAB...
YOUR FATHER'S... LAB...?
FATHER HAS A DOCTORATE IN PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY. HE LIVES ONLY FOR HIS RESEARCH...
WHAT... RESEARCH ...?
PROTONS... ANTIPROTONS... NEUTRONS...
IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, RESEARCH ABOUT RADIOACTIVITY...
HE WASN'T ABLE TO BE EINSTEIN, THOUGH...

* 9 PARA: 9MM PARABELLUM (A TYPE OF BULLET)

MARIE
HE'S... SUCH AN IDIOT...
FOR IT TO END LIKE THIS...
MARIE!! DO YOU KNOW SOME-THING?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FATHER!?
LET GO... YOU'RE HURTING ME...

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OH... I'M SORRY... BUT...
HE WAS TAKEN... BY PEOPLE FROM THE ORGANIZA-TION...

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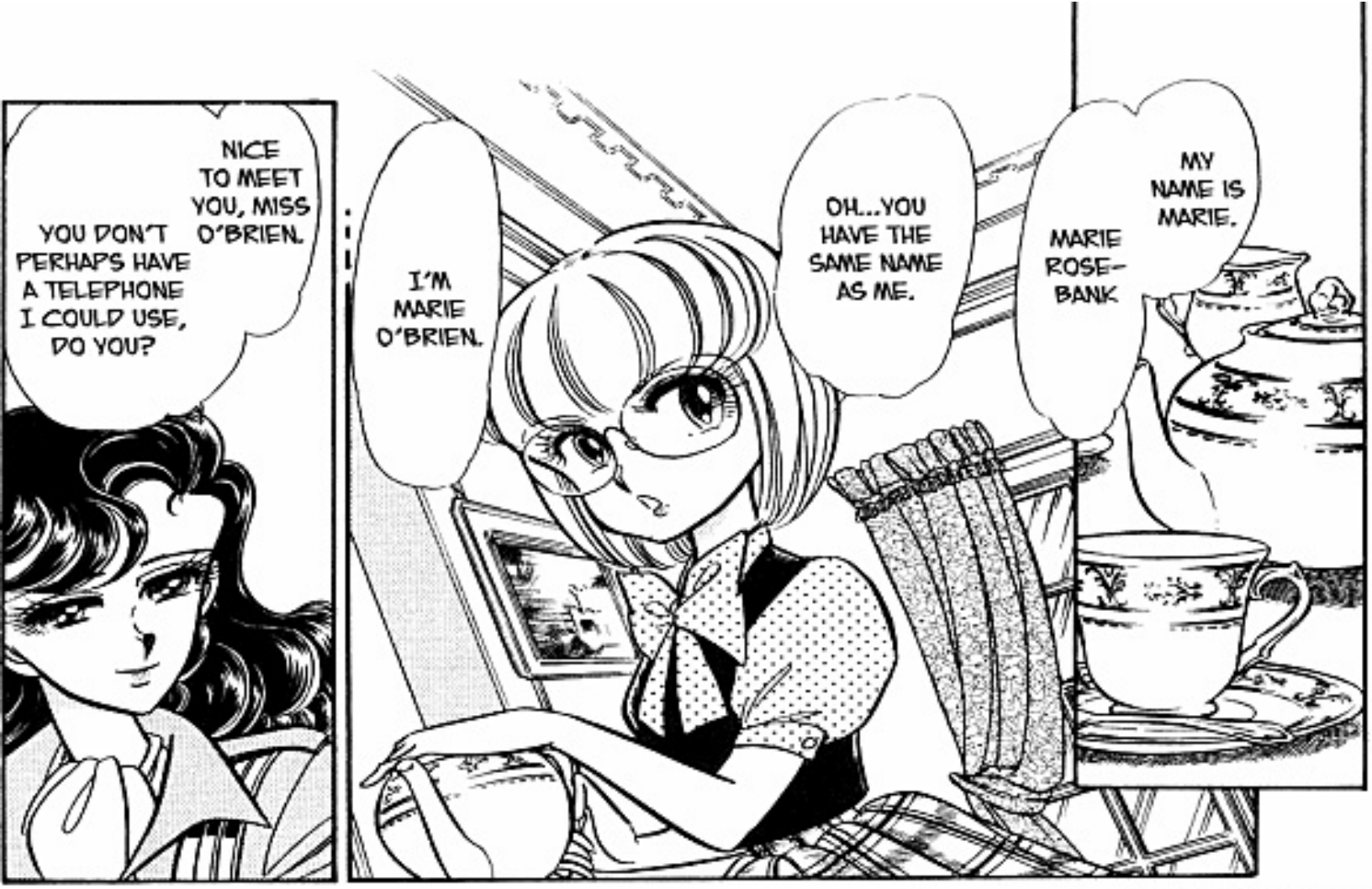
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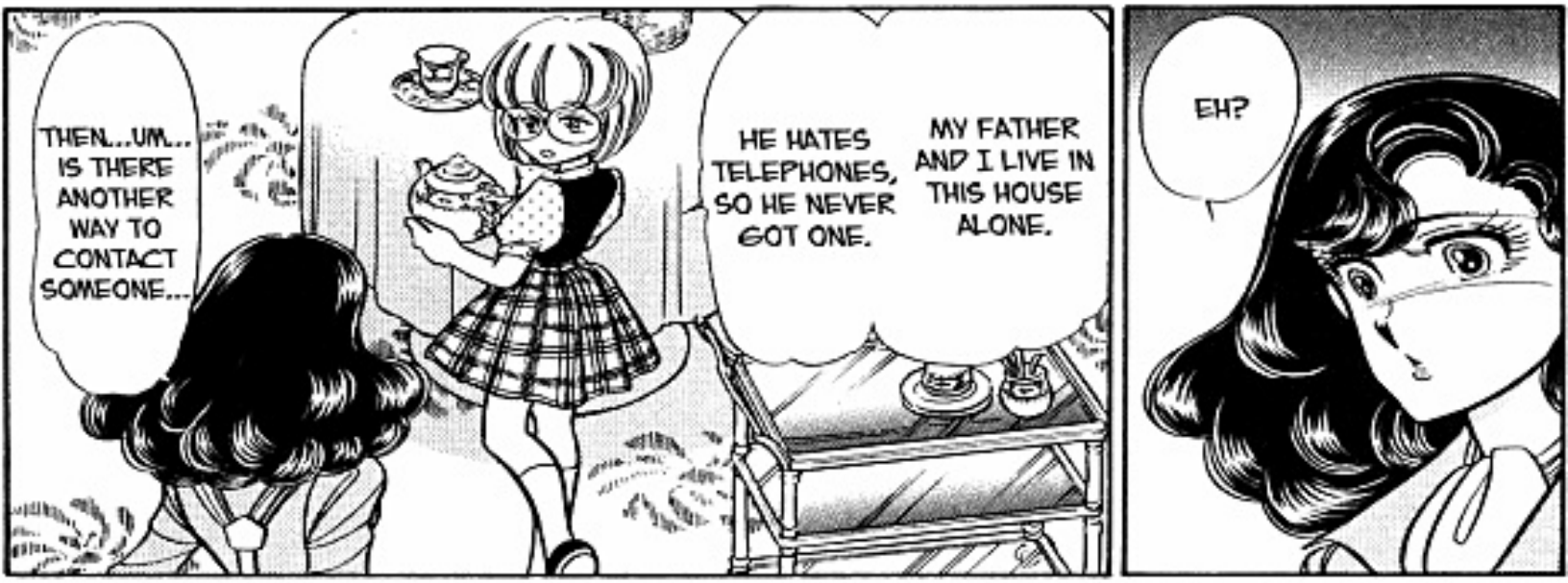
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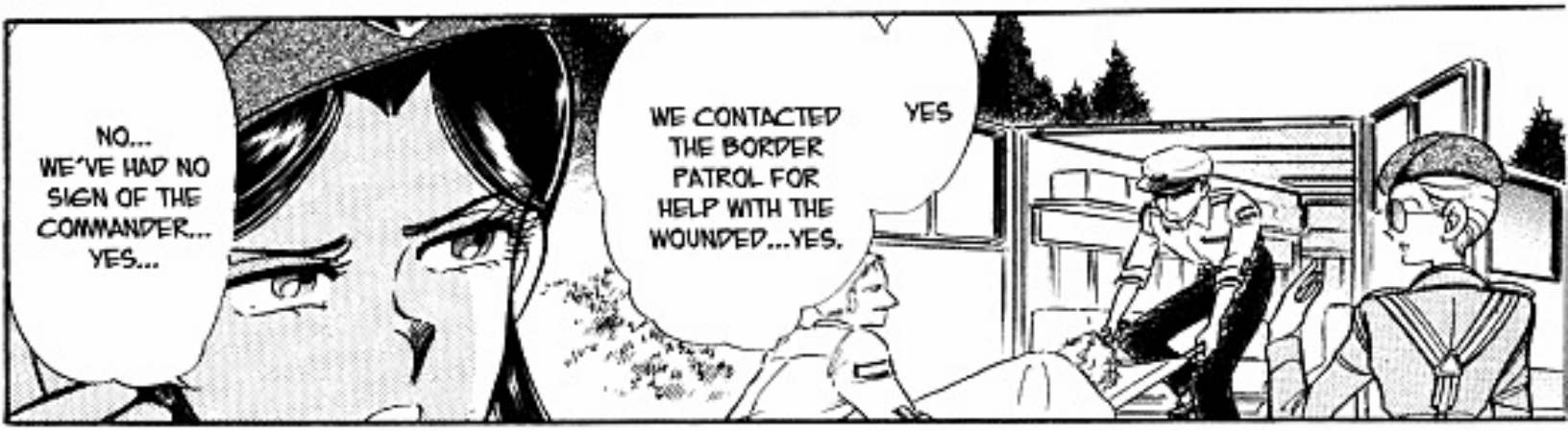
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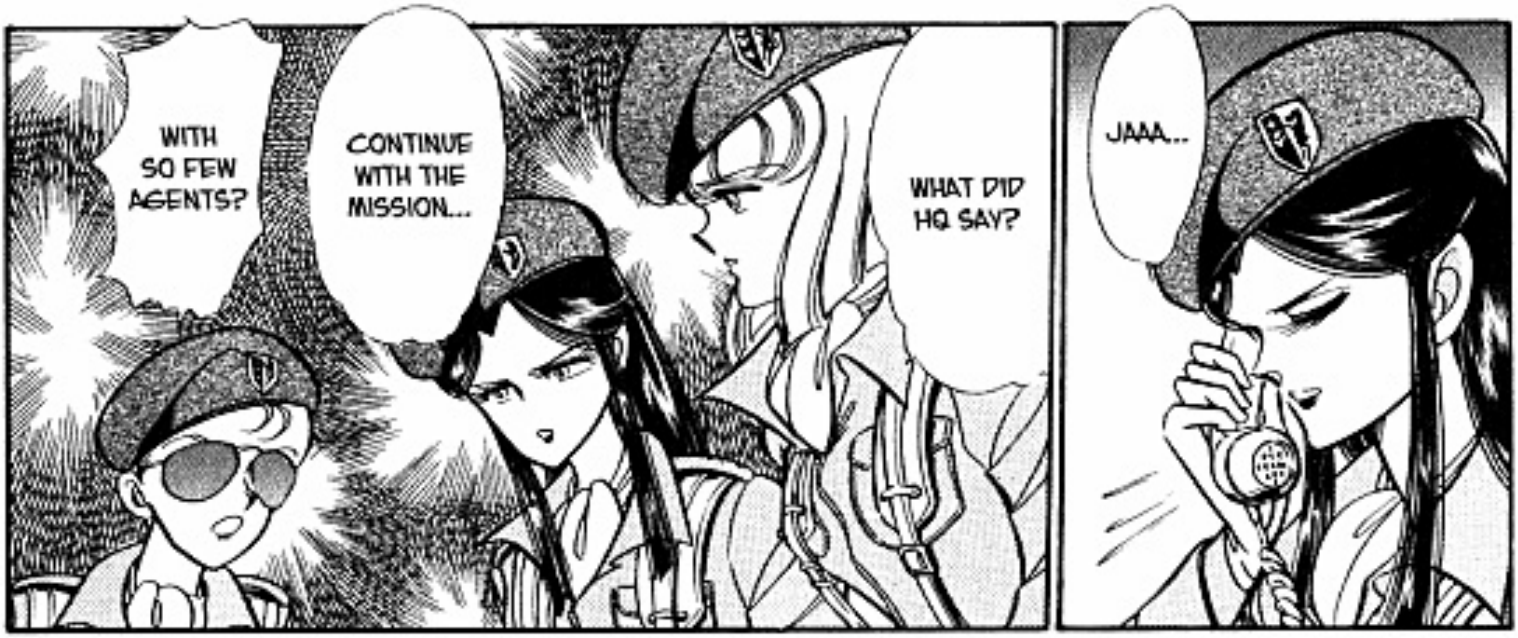
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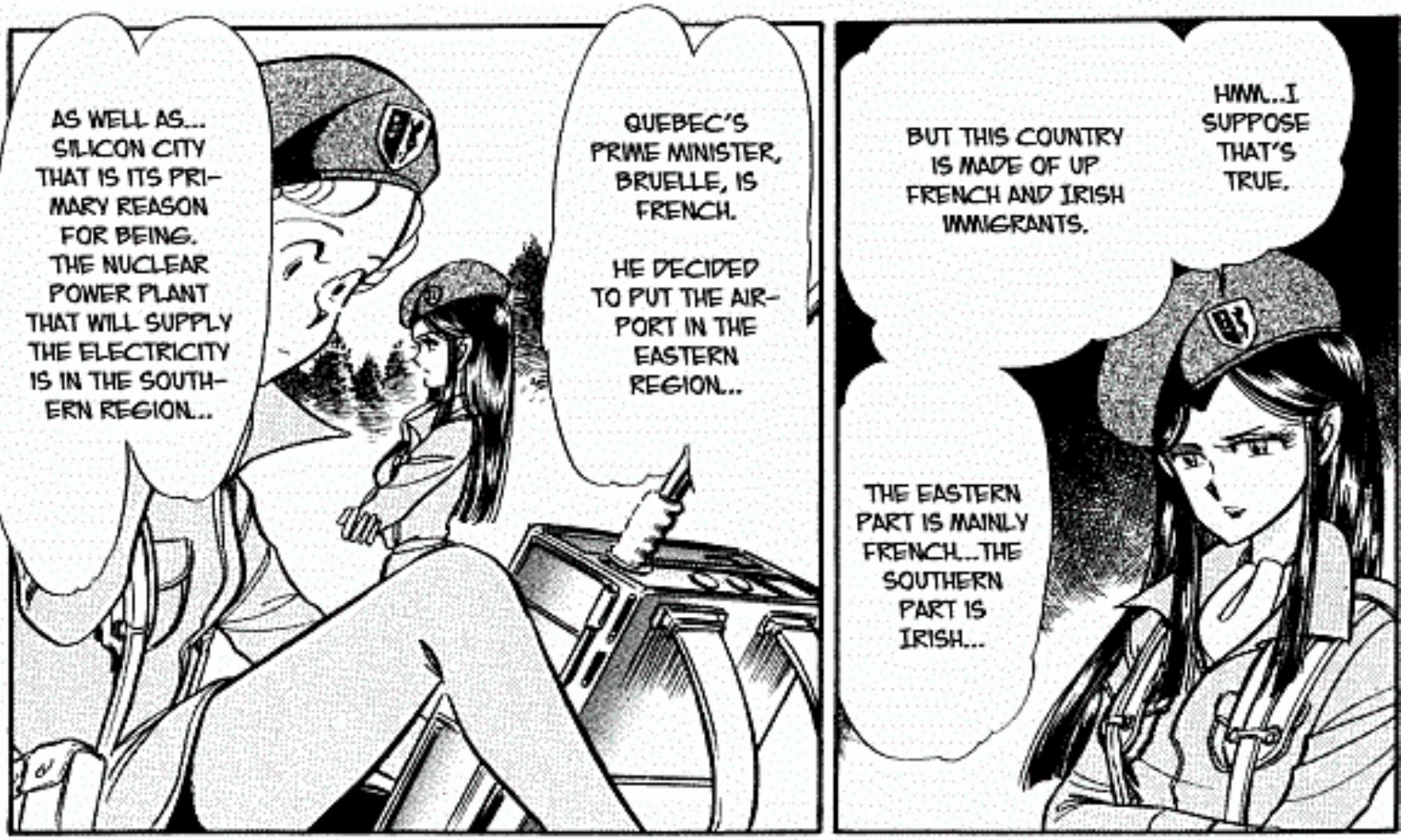
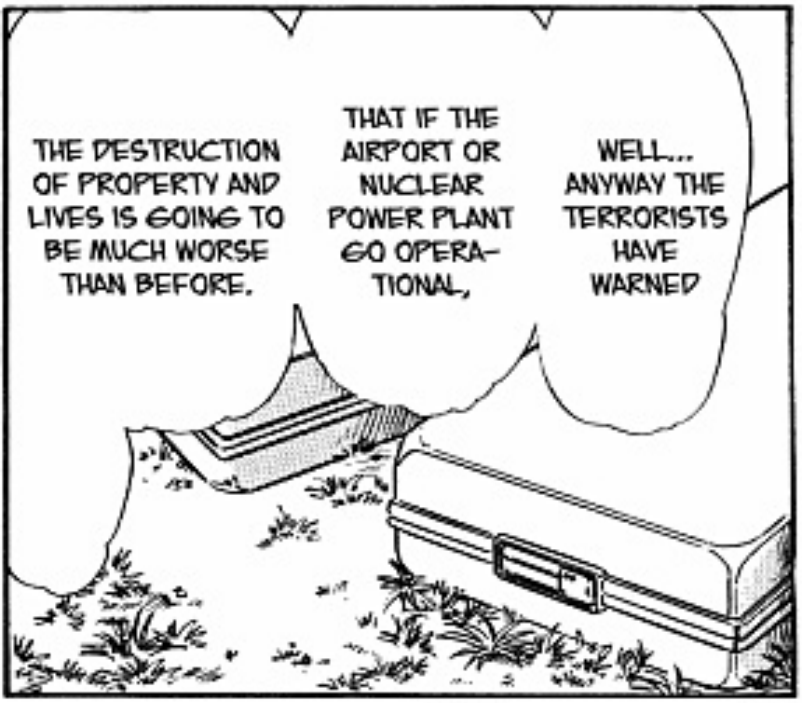
I SEE...EVEN AN INLAND DISTRICT CAN CREATE PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT TO LARGE CITIES. ALL IT NEEDS IS AN AIRPORT...
BUT...WHY ARE THEY A TARGET OF TERRORISM?
THE COUNTRY IS BECOMING LESS POOR...

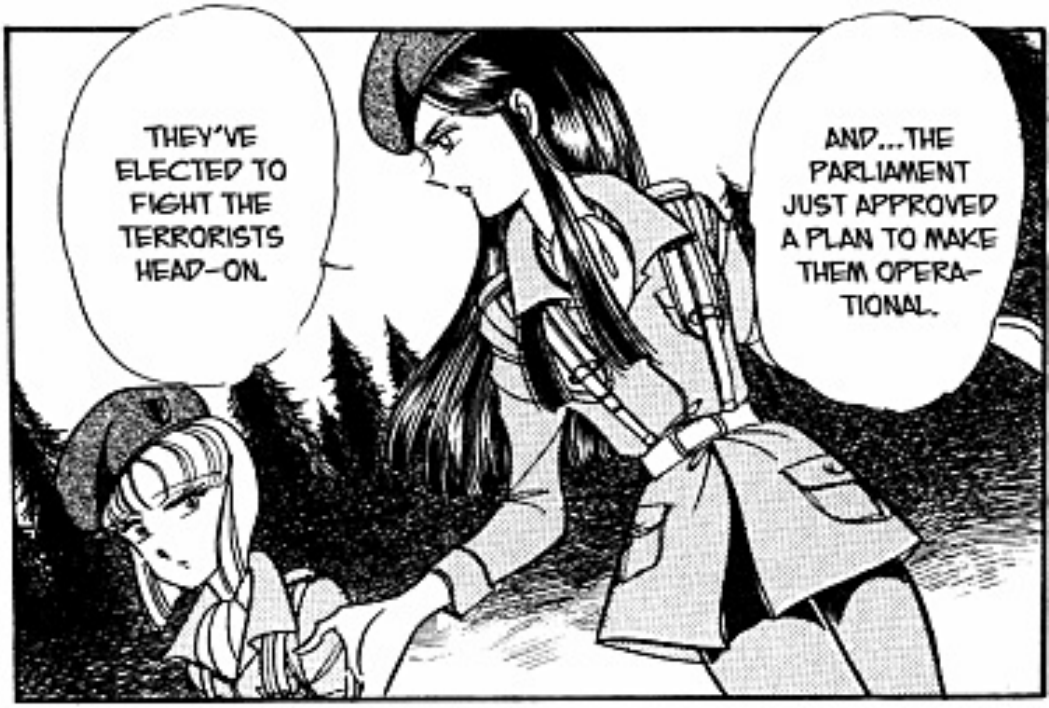

AS WELL AS... SILICON CITY THAT IS ITS PRIMARY REASON FOR BEING. THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT THAT WILL SUPPLY THE ELECTRICITY IS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION...
QUEBEC'S PRIME MINISTER, BRUELLE, IS FRENCH.
HE DECIDED TO PUT THE AIRPORT IN THE EASTERN REGION...
HMM...I SUPPOSE THAT'S TRUE.
BUT THIS COUNTRY IS MADE OF UP FRENCH AND IRISH IMMIGRANTS.
THE EASTERN PART IS MAINLY FRENCH...THE SOUTHERN PART IS IRISH...

BUT...THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANY VALID REASON FOR TERRORISM!!
IN OTHER WORDS...THE IRISH FEEL LIKE THEY GOT THE SHORT END OF THE STICK...


THE DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY AND LIVES IS GOING TO BE MUCH WORSE THAN BEFORE.
THAT IF THE AIRPORT OR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT GO OPERA-TIONAL,
WELL... ANYWAY THE TERRORISTS HAVE WARNED

IF THERE WERE ALWAYS VALID REASONS FOR TERRORISM, CRIMES WOULD SUDDENLY BECOME LEGAL.
TERRORIST DON'T NEED VALID REASONS.

AND THEY ARE RELYING ON CAT?


THEY'VE ELECTED TO FIGHT THE TERRORISTS HEAD-ON.
AND...THE PARLIAMENT JUST APPROVED A PLAN TO MAKE THEM OPERA-TIONAL.

IS SPILLING THE BLOOD OF CHILDREN...
THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE COUNTING ON.
EXACTLY...
BUT...THE TERRORISTS STILL HAVEN'T MADE A MOVE, RIGHT?
AND THE ONES WHO SUFFER ARE THE CITIZENS... AS USUAL...
BUT NOT ONE HAS EVER HELD A GUN.
THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ACT TOUGH AND VOTE TO FIGHT THE TERRORISTS,
THE THING THAT MARIE DESPISES MOST...
IF WE WAIT FOR THAT, IT'S TOO LATE...

MARIE
IF I DON'T DO A TEMPORARY FIX ON THAT GREENHOUSE, IT'LL GET SOAKED.
IT'S NO TIME TO BE CASUALLY DRINKING TEA.
UH-OH... IT LOOKS LIKE THE WEATHER IS TURNING BAD.
MARIE
THIS IS REALLY AN OLD-STYLE HOUSE...
I WONDER WHAT HER FATHER DOES FOR A LIVING...
MARIE
WHERE ARE YOU?
WEIRD...IT FEELS LIKE I'M CALLING OUT TO MYSELF.
!

MARIE, ARE YOU HERE?
WH- WHAT HAPPENED HERE...?
!!

DON'T JUST GO WANDERING THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON'S HOUSE WITHOUT LEAVE...
MARIE!! WHAT IS THIS...
FATHER'S LAB...
YOUR FATHER'S... LAB...?
FATHER HAS A DOCTORATE IN PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY. HE LIVES ONLY FOR HIS RESEARCH...
WHAT... RESEARCH ...?
PROTONS... ANTIPROTONS... NEUTRONS...
IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, RESEARCH ABOUT RADIOACTIVITY...
HE WASN'T ABLE TO BE EINSTEIN, THOUGH...

* 9 PARA: 9MM PARABELLUM (A TYPE OF BULLET)

MARIE
HE'S... SUCH AN IDIOT...
FOR IT TO END LIKE THIS...
MARIE!! DO YOU KNOW SOME-THING?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FATHER!?
LET GO... YOU'RE HURTING ME...

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OH... I'M SORRY... BUT...
HE WAS TAKEN... BY PEOPLE FROM THE ORGANIZA-TION...

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THIS LADY... WHAT!?
WHY DOES SHE HAVE A GUN!?

DON'T MOVE...
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PHOOEY
NOT HERE, HUH...
...IT'S HARD TO SEE THE ENTRY HALL FROM HERE... AND THE RAIN DOESN'T HELP...

WILL HE HELP US...
OR... IS HE AN ENEMY?
IN ANY CASE... I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE IN A FIREFIGHT...
MARIE?
MARIE!!

MARIE!!
WHERE ARE YOU!? PLEASE ANSWER ME!
KYAH!!

I'VE... GOT TO GET AWAY NOW...

KEEP AT IT.
THIS IS JUST ANOTHER TEST THE LORD GRANTS US.
THE ROOF LEAKS LIKE A SIEVE. THERE'S NO REASON TO MOP...
SAY... LADY
CALL ME REVEREND MOTHER.
EVERYONE, AFTER THE HALL IS FINISHED, THE CHAPEL IS NEXT.
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT WAS INTERESTING ABOUT THE LIFE OF A MONK...OR A SEA SLUG.
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IS THE TELE-PHONE... STILL NOT WORKING?
NO IT'S QUITE A PROB-LEM.
MY FAMILY MAY BE WORRIED ABOUT ME...IS THERE NOT SOME OTHER WAY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD?
DO NOT WORRY. OUR LORD WILL FIND A WAY TO HELP YOU.
AND...I'LL WILL WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR FAMILY STATING THAT YOU STAYED AT THIS CONVENT.
YOUR VIRTUE WILL BE GUARANTEED WITH THE NAME OF THE LORD. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
IT'S NOT LIKE... I HAD ANY VIRTUE TO START WITH...SO THAT'S REALLY NOT NECESSARY...
NOW, ANYWAY, WHILE YOU ARE HERE YOU WILL LIVE THE LIFE OF A SISTER.
WEHHH

THE NEAREST TOWN...IS EIGHTY KILOMETERS...EVEN IF I SNEAK OUT, I'LL BE IN THE MIDDLE OF THESE MOUNTAINS...AND IN THIS WEATHER...
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COMMANDER AND LIN... AND THE OTHERS...
MISS IRENE!! WHY ARE YOU DAWDLING ABOUT!?
HURRY ON INTO THE CHAPEL!
OKAY, OKAY
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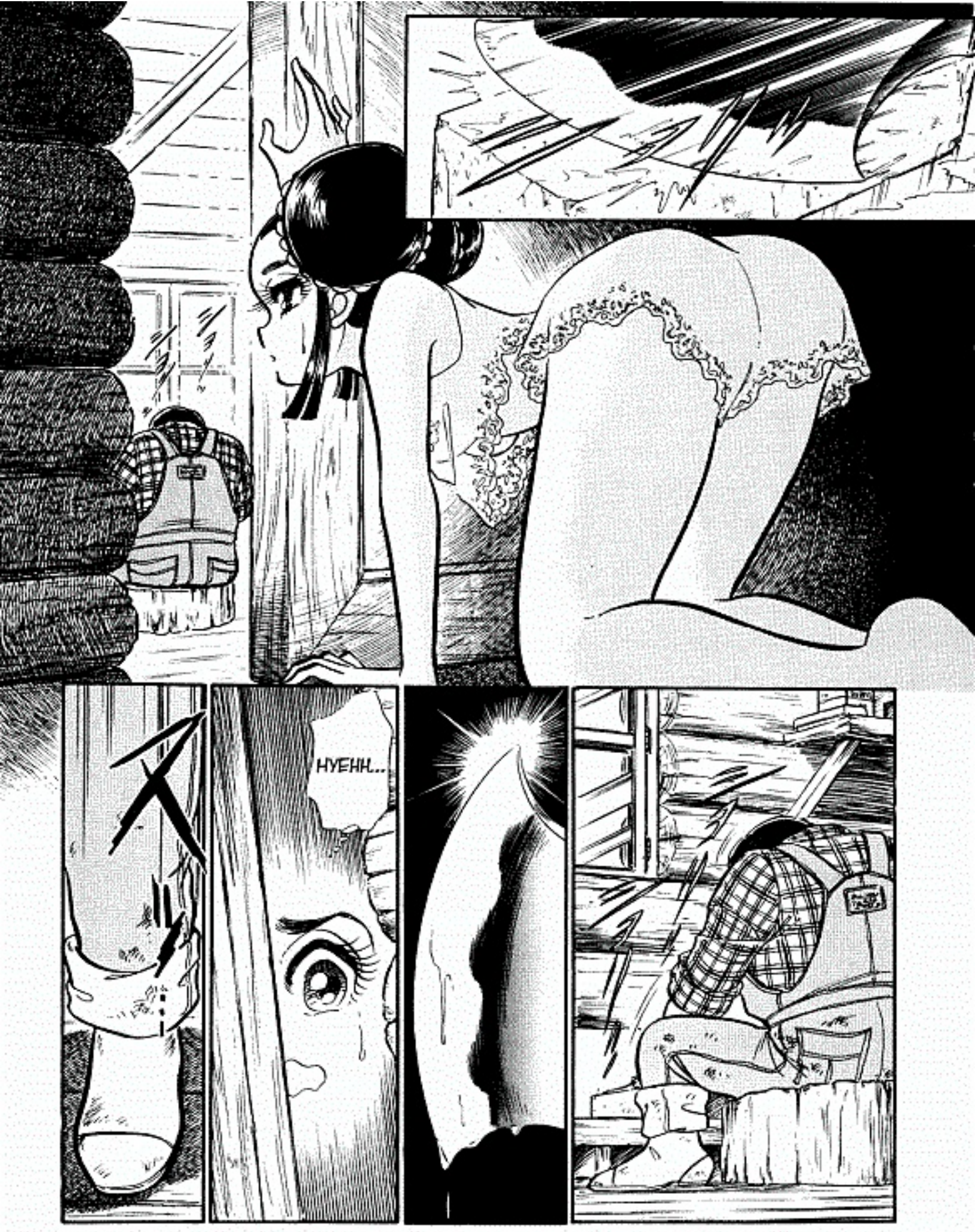
HYEHH...

UH-OH
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HE'S WAWA
COMING
HERE...
HYEEE...

I'LL PLAY DEAD...
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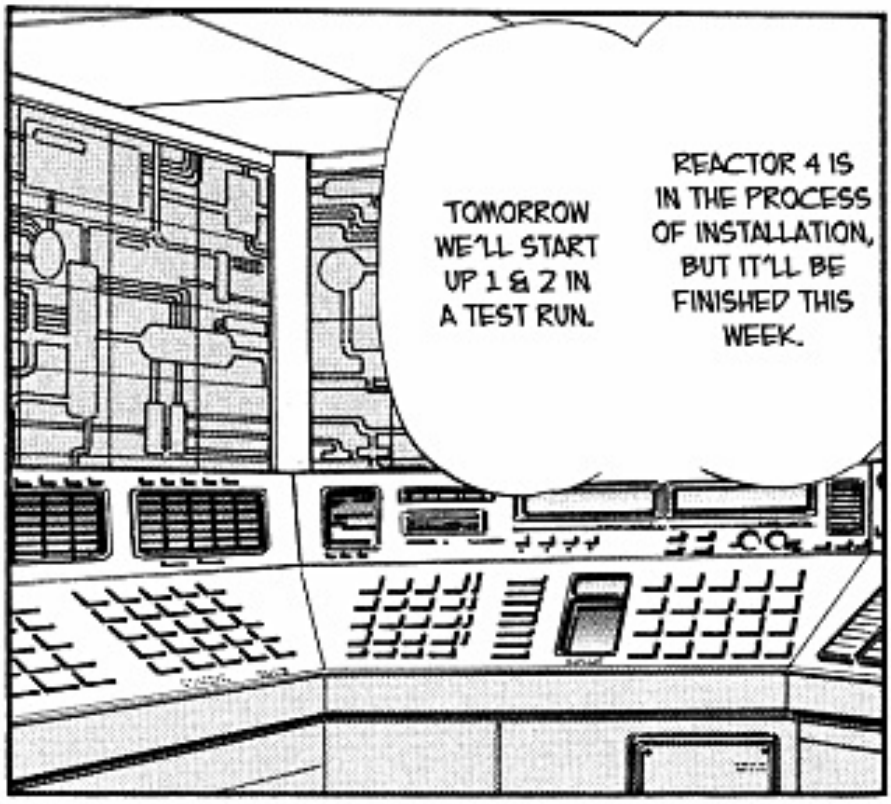
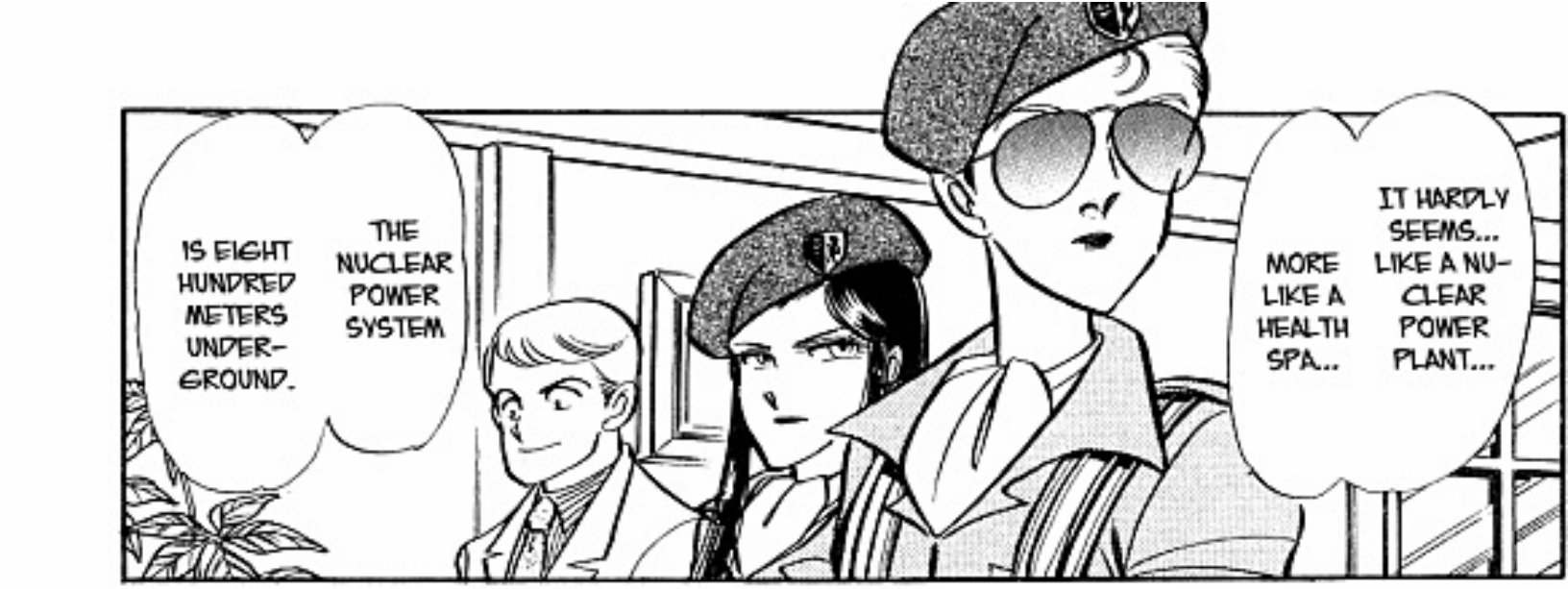
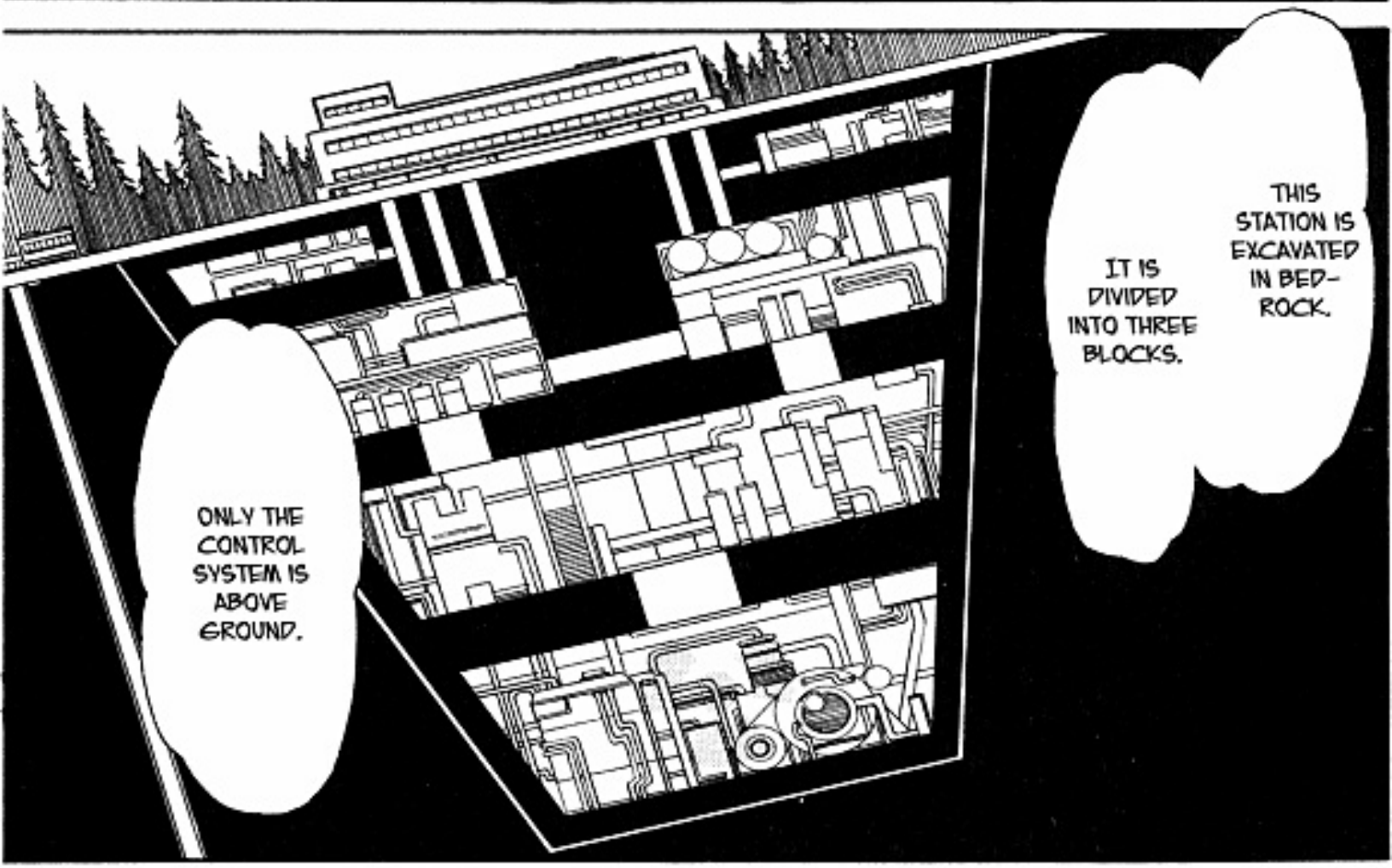
...OH... HE SEEMS... KINDA NICE...

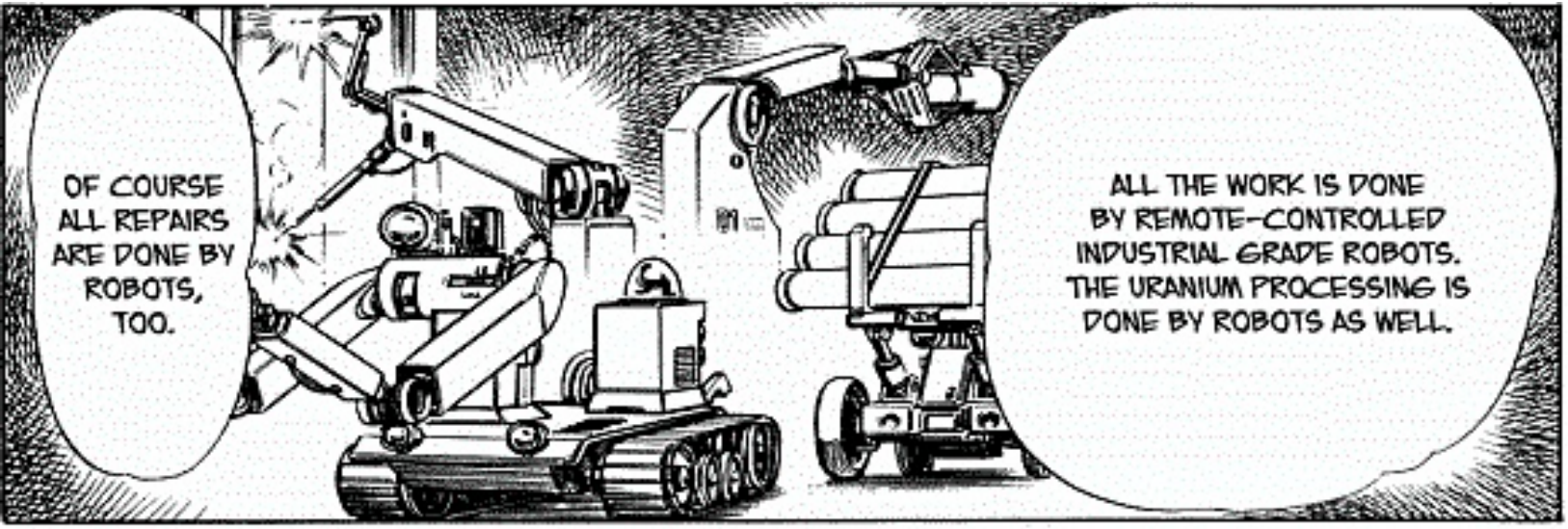

TOMORROW WE'LL START UP 1 & 2 IN A TEST RUN.
REACTOR 4 IS IN THE PROCESS OF INSTALLATION, BUT IT'LL BE FINISHED THIS WEEK.

REACTORS 1, 2 & 3 ARE ALREADY INSTALLED.


IT HARDLY SEEMS... LIKE A NU-CLEAR POWER PLANT...
MORE LIKE A HEALTH SPA...
THE NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEM
IS EIGHT HUNDRED METERS UNDER-GROUND.

EIGHT HUNDRED METERS!?


THIS STATION IS EXCAVATED IN BED-ROCK.
IT IS DIVIDED INTO THREE BLOCKS.
ONLY THE CONTROL SYSTEM IS ABOVE GROUND.


OF COURSE ALL REPAIRS ARE DONE BY ROBOTS, TOO.
ALL THE WORK IS DONE BY REMOTE-CONTROLLED INDUSTRIAL GRADE ROBOTS. THE URANIUM PROCESSING IS DONE BY ROBOTS AS WELL.

SO...IT'S KIND OF LIKE NORAD IN REVERSE.
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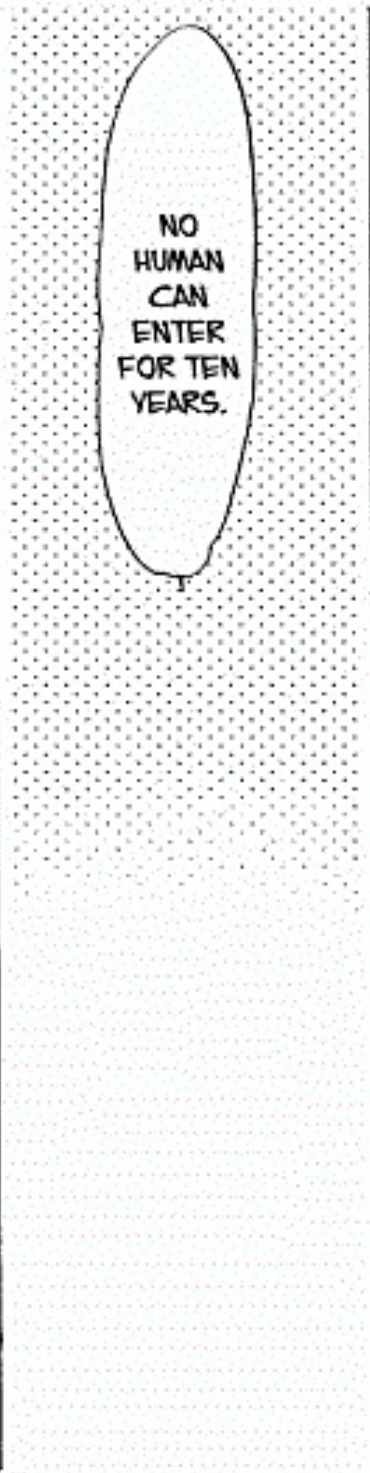
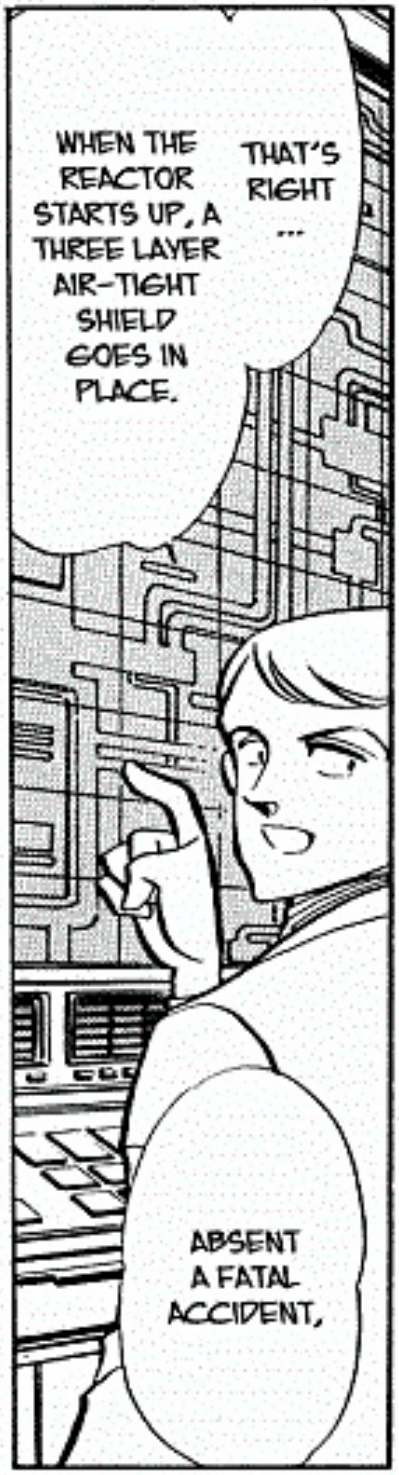
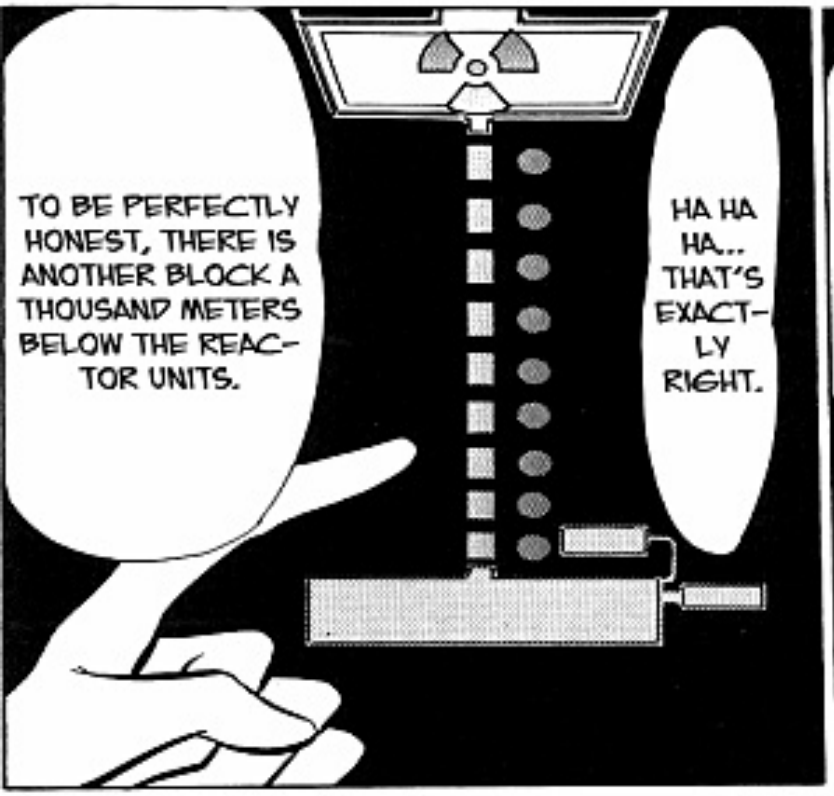
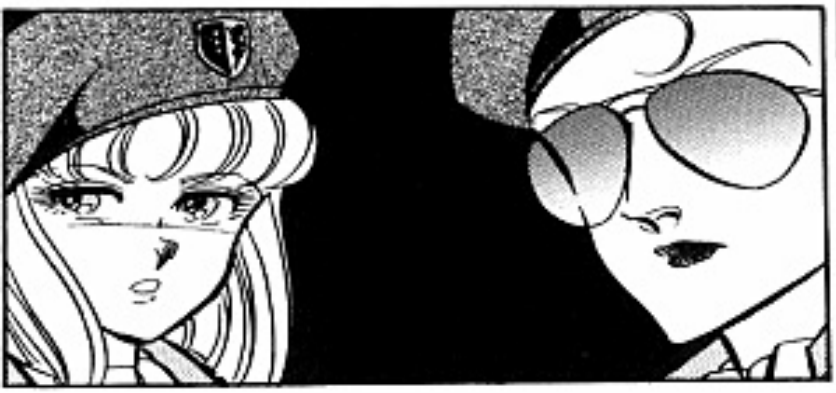
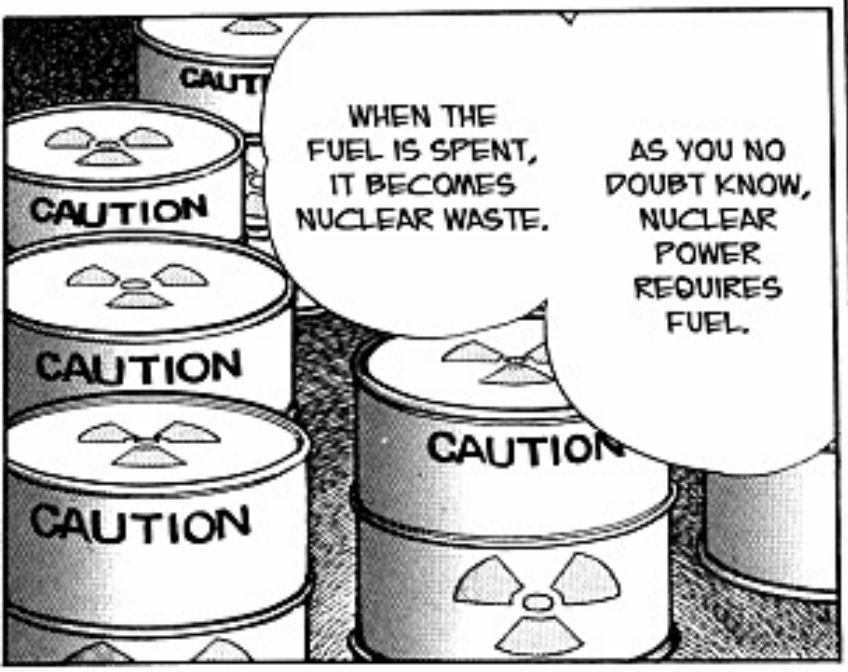

NO HUMAN CAN ENTER FOR TEN YEARS.


WHEN THE REACTOR STARTS UP, A THREE LAYER AIR-TIGHT SHIELD GOES IN PLACE.
THAT'S RIGHT ...
ABSENT A FATAL ACCIDENT,

IN OTHER WORDS...HUMANS CAN'T EVEN ENTER THE THE REACTOR CORES...


TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST, THERE IS ANOTHER BLOCK A THOUSAND METERS BELOW THE REACTOR UNITS.
HA HA HA... THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

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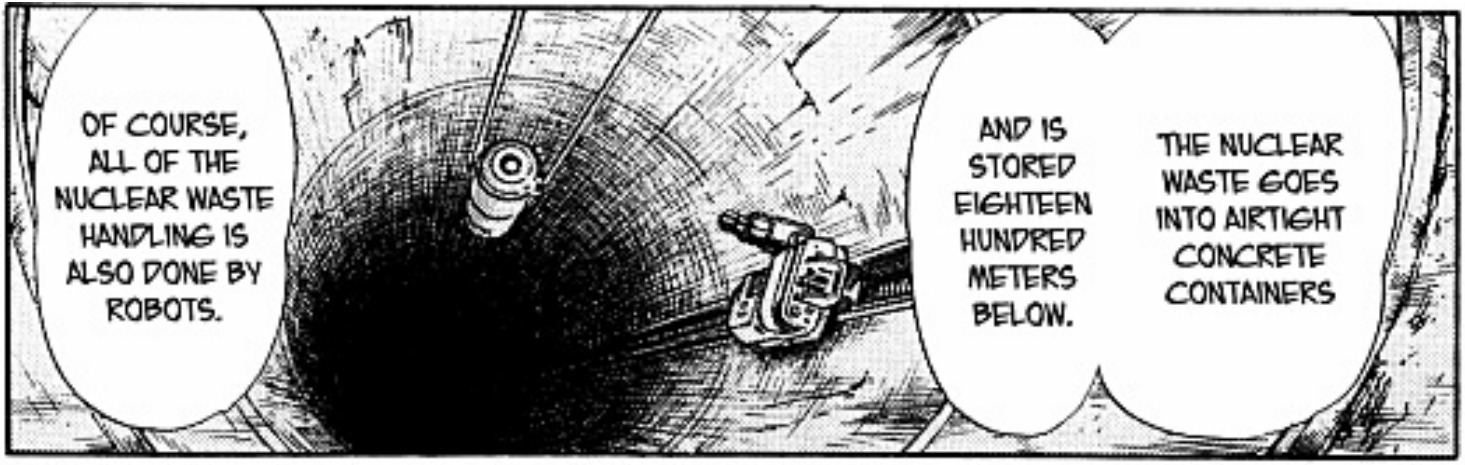
WHEN THE FUEL IS SPENT, IT BECOMES NUCLEAR WASTE.
AS YOU NO DOUBT KNOW, NUCLEAR POWER REQUIRES FUEL.

THE FACT THAT IT'S UNDERGROUND WOULD LIMIT THE DAMAGE...
LIKE AN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR BOMB TESTING SITE...

NORAD IS THE U.S MILITARY BASE EXCAVATED FIVE HUNDRED METERS UNDER THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. IT'S BUILT TO WITHSTAND INTERCONTINENTAL NUCLEAR ATTACKS...
IF...HEAVEN FORBID... A SERIOUS ACCIDENT LIKE A MELTDOWN HAPPENED HERE,


THE NUCLEAR WASTE GOES INTO AIRTIGHT CONCRETE CONTAINERS
AND IS STORED EIGHTEEN HUNDRED METERS BELOW.
OF COURSE, ALL OF THE NUCLEAR WASTE HANDLING IS ALSO DONE BY ROBOTS.

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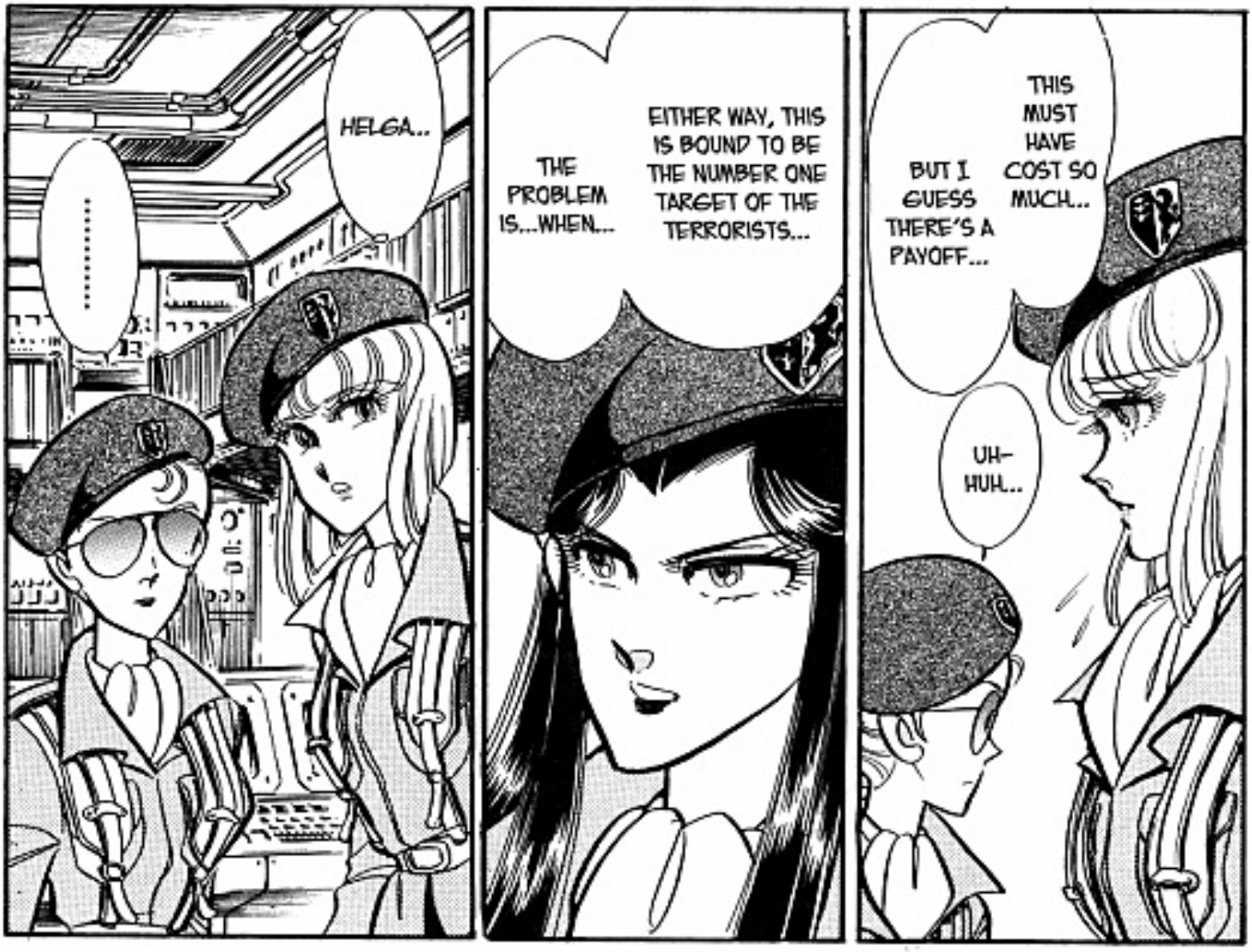
HELGA...
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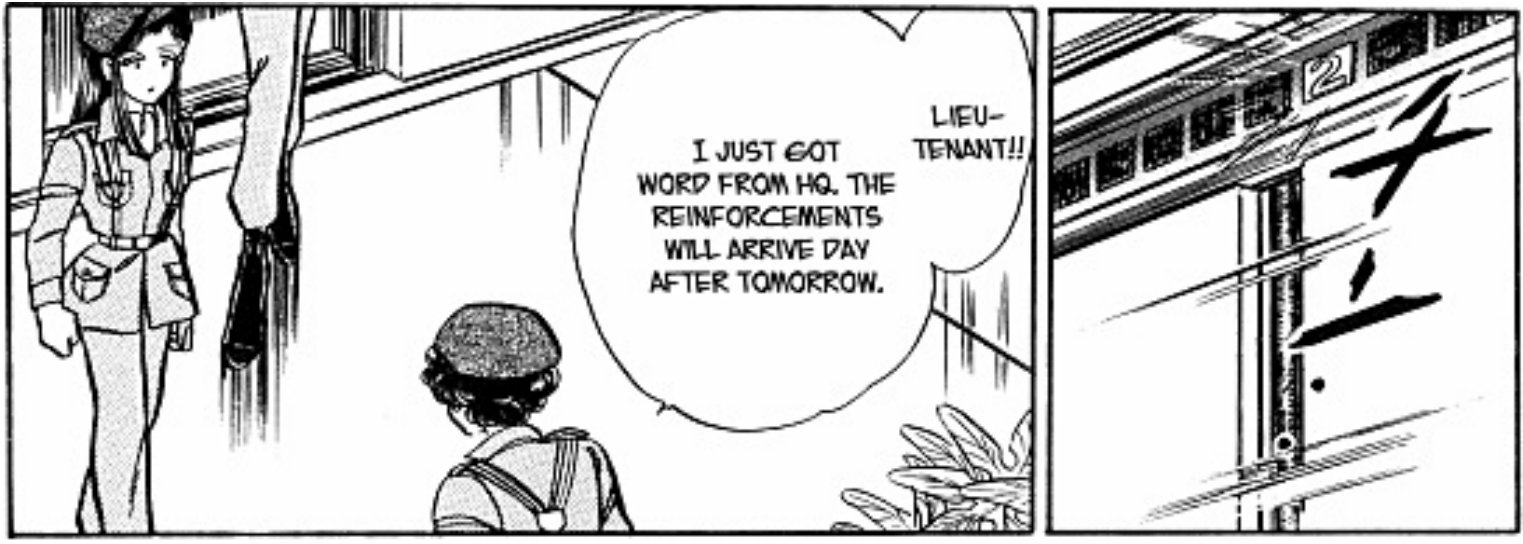
THE PROBLEM IS...WHEN...
EITHER WAY, THIS IS BOUND TO BE THE NUMBER ONE TARGET OF THE TERRORISTS...
BUT I GUESS THERE'S A PAYOFF...
THIS MUST HAVE COST SO MUCH...
UH-HUH...


LIEU-
TENANT!!
I JUST GOT WORD FROM HQ. THE REINFORCEMENTS WILL ARRIVE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.

DAY AFTER TOMORROW...IS PROBABLY TOO LATE...
I'M NOT SAYING ANYTHING.
HAH
WELL, WELL...

EH?

ONCE THEY'RE RUNNING, NO ONE CAN ENTER THE UNITS FOR TEN YEARS.
NEXT WEEK, 3 & 4 WILL START UP AS WELL...
STARTING TOMORROW, REACTORS 1 & 2 ARE GOING LIVE...

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SCAFE
INCLUDES TWENTY INTERNAL CAMERAS AND FIFTEEN EXTERNAL CAMERAS.
THE SECURITY SYSTEM
THEY HAVE NINE SECURITY AGENTS THAT ROTATE IN THREE SHIFTS.
THREE SHIFTS!?
THEN THEY ONLY EVER HAVE THREE GUARDS ON DUTY AT A TIME?
SURPRISING.
THAT'S ABOUT WHAT A BREAD FACTORY IN AMERICA HAS.

SO...THEIR LABOR COSTS ARE ALMOST NOTHING?
THE CRITICAL UNITS ARE ALL UNDER-GROUND.
THE SYSTEM IS ALMOST ENTIRELY AUTOMATED.
NICE TO MEET YOU, MR. LEISE.
I AM HELGA MITTELMEI-ER FROM THE CAT SERVICE.
MY NAME IS THOMAS LEISE. I'M IN CHARGE OF SECURITY.
ARE YOU THE GIRLS WHO SPECIALIZE IN SNATCH-ING BUR-GLARS?
CALL ME TOMMY.
NO NEED FOR FOR-MALITIES...
ALL YOU LADIES PUT THESE ON YOUR SHIRTS.

YOU CAN ONLY ACCESS THIS TEA ROOM, THE LOBBY, AND THE ATTACHED RESTROOMS.
WITHOUT THEM,
THEY ARE REQUIRED FOR MOVING ABOUT THE BUILDING.
ID BADGES
WHAT ARE THEY?

HOWEVER, THE BADGES ALONE WON'T ALLOW YOU TO ENTER THE CONTROL BLOCK.
THE BADGES CONTAIN AN IDENTITY SIGNAL THAT SENSORS EMBEDDED IN EACH DOOR RECOGNIZE.
(scribble) Ha ha ha...
WE DID ASK.
SO...A THREE-PERSON GUARD DETAIL IS PLENTY.
THERE, EVEN TO USE THE TOILET YOU'LL HAVE TO PASS A VOICE AND EYE SCAN.

THE EYE HAS A CORNEA, LENS, AND RETINA.
IF YOU COMBINE THEM, THEY FORM AN INDIVIDUAL REFRACTION SIGNATURE.
NO TWO COMBINATIONS ARE ALIKE.
LIKE FINGERPRINTS, IT CAN'T BE ALTERED EVEN WITH SURGERY.
I'VE HEARD OF VOICE SCANS...
BUT WHAT IS AN EYE SCAN?
LATELY AN INCREASING NUMBER OF COMPANIES HAVE BEEN USING IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS LIKE THESE.
YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT... I'M IMPRESSED...
BUT...FOR THAT YOU WOULD NEED TO TAKE DATA ON ALL OF US.
CAFE
WE NEVER...
AHH...YOUR DATA WAS RECORDED BY THE ROBOT AT THE RECEPTION DESK.
OH... THAT...
I AM HELGA MITTELMEIER FROM THE CAT SERVICE. LET ME SEE THE MANAGER OF THIS FACILITY.
you're the weird one, aren't you!!
Beep
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.

BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT LONG ENOUGH FOR THE COPS TO GET HERE BY CHOPPER.
WELL...IF A TANK OR SOMETHING CAME ON US UNAWARES IT MIGHT BE A PROBLEM.
FINE
YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF SECURITY FAR OUTSTRIPS OURS.
THERE IS ALSO A NETWORK OF INFRARED BEAMS.
WE'VE GOT MONITOR CAMERAS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE AREA WITHIN A HUNDRED METERS.
YOU'LL SEE ONCE IT GETS DARK...
THE BUILD-ING RUNS ENTIRELY ON INTERNAL POWER.
THE DOORS AND WINDOWS ARE ALL PRO-TECTED WITH FIREPROOF SHUTTERS...
SEE YOU LATER.
ARE IN SECTIONS E AND F OF BLOCK TWO.
OH...YOUR ROOMS
BUT... WHAT ABOUT OUT-SIDE?

HE DOES HAVE QUITE A FACILITY.
WELL... THAT ALWAYS HAP-PENS...
THAT OLD MAN IS BASICALLY SAYING HE DOESN'T NEED US, RIGHT?

IF MARIE WERE HERE, I'M SURE THAT'S WHAT SHE WOULD SAY.
TERRORISTS... ALWAYS ATTACK IN A WAY THAT YOU LEAST EXPECT...
THIS PLACE IS DEFINITELY BETTER THAN A BREAD FACTORY, BUT WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN.

DO YOU HEAR ME, TOMMY?
A DETAIL THAT WAS MISSED.
NO MATTER HOW STRONG THE DEFENSIVE SYSTEM, THERE'S ALWAYS A HOLE...

YOU CAN'T ANYTHING PAST THOSE GIRLS.
GOOD-NESS... SHE'S ONTO ME.

THANK GOOD-NESS... THE RAIN STOPPED.
!!
I HAD TROUBLE FOLLOWING YOU.
YOU ARE SURPRIS-INGLY FAST.
H- HOW DID YOU...AFTER THE RAIN WASHED AWAY MY FOOTPRINTS...
WE HAVE TO GET TO THE VILLAGE BEFORE NIGHTFALL.

WITHOUT A FAIR AMOUNT OF TRAINING, PEOPLE HAVE A HABIT OF MOVING CONTINUALLY TO THE RIGHT.
I WASN'T FOLLOWING YOUR FOOTPRINTS.

JUST KEEP AWAY FROM ME!!
QUIT TRYING TO ACT LIKE MY MOTHER!!

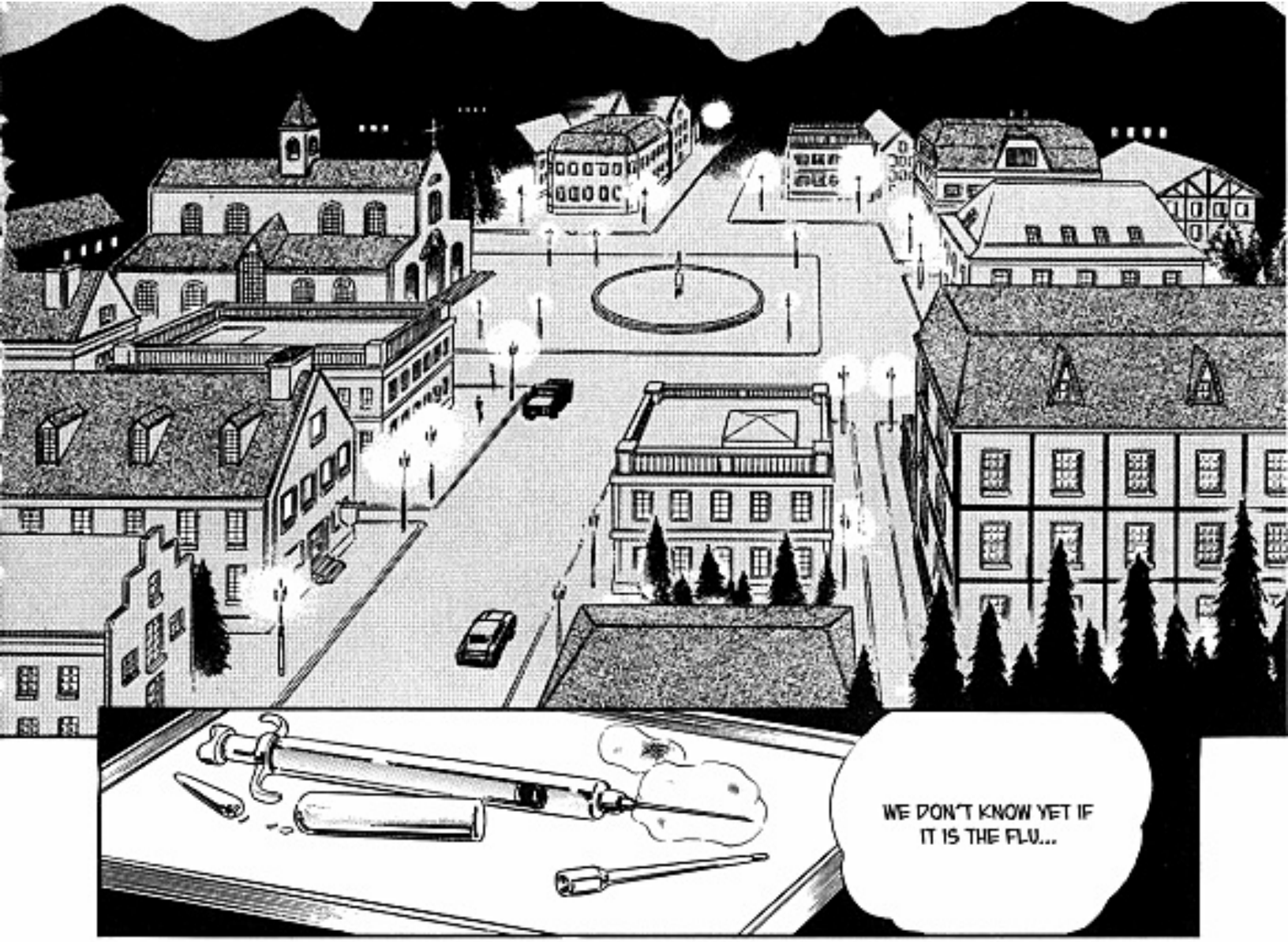
WHY...DO YOU HAVE A GUN?
EXACTLY... WHO ARE YOU...

THE EASIEST PLACE TO GET PICKED UP BY A CAR IS AT A CROSSROADS...
YOU WANT TO GET TO THE VILLAGE.
I MEAN...YOU SAID YOURSELF THAT IT WAS ONLY TWO KILOMETERS TO THE ROAD.

I INTEND...TO HAVE A TALK WITH THE ORGANIZATION...

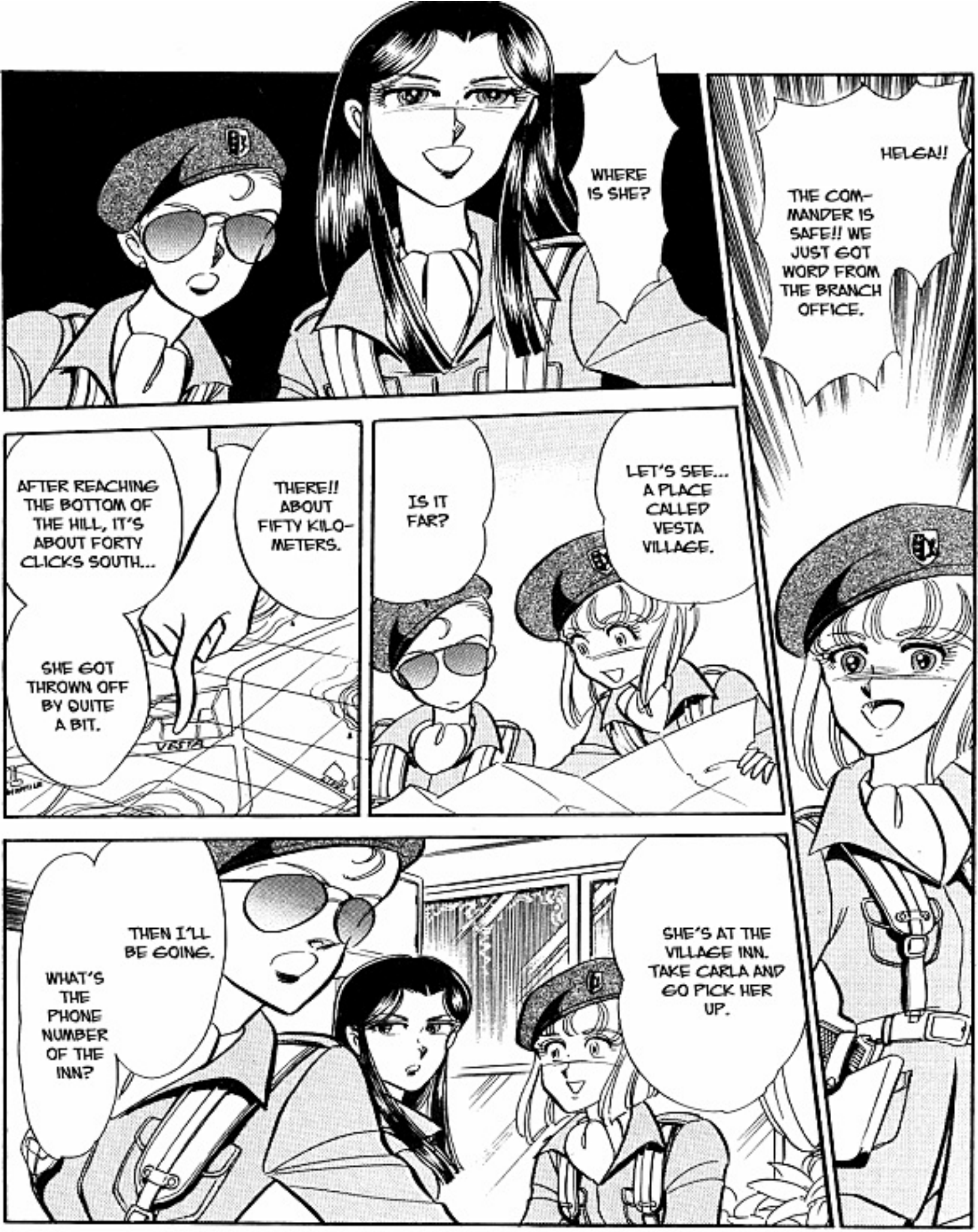
NO!! LET GO OF ME!
MARIE!!
CALM DOWN! I'LL TELL YOU THE REASON...
NO
AH
IT'S BECAUSE YOU GOT SOAKED WHILE RUNNING THROUGH THE RAIN...
I'M F-FINE.
YOU HAVE A FEVER...
WAIT A MINUTE...

WHAT'S UP?
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU NEED HELP.
PLEASE. MY CHILD IS SICK. COULD YOU TAKE ME AS FAR AS THE VILLAGE?
I'LL LET YOU OFF IN FROM OF THE DOC-TOR'S OFFICE.
THAT'S A COLD...
THIS YEAR THERE'S A VICIOUS ONE GOING AROUND.
THERE'S AN OUT-BREAK OF THE FLU IN QUEBEC...THIS IS PROBABLY A NEW STRAIN FOR WHICH THERE IS NO VAC-CINE.

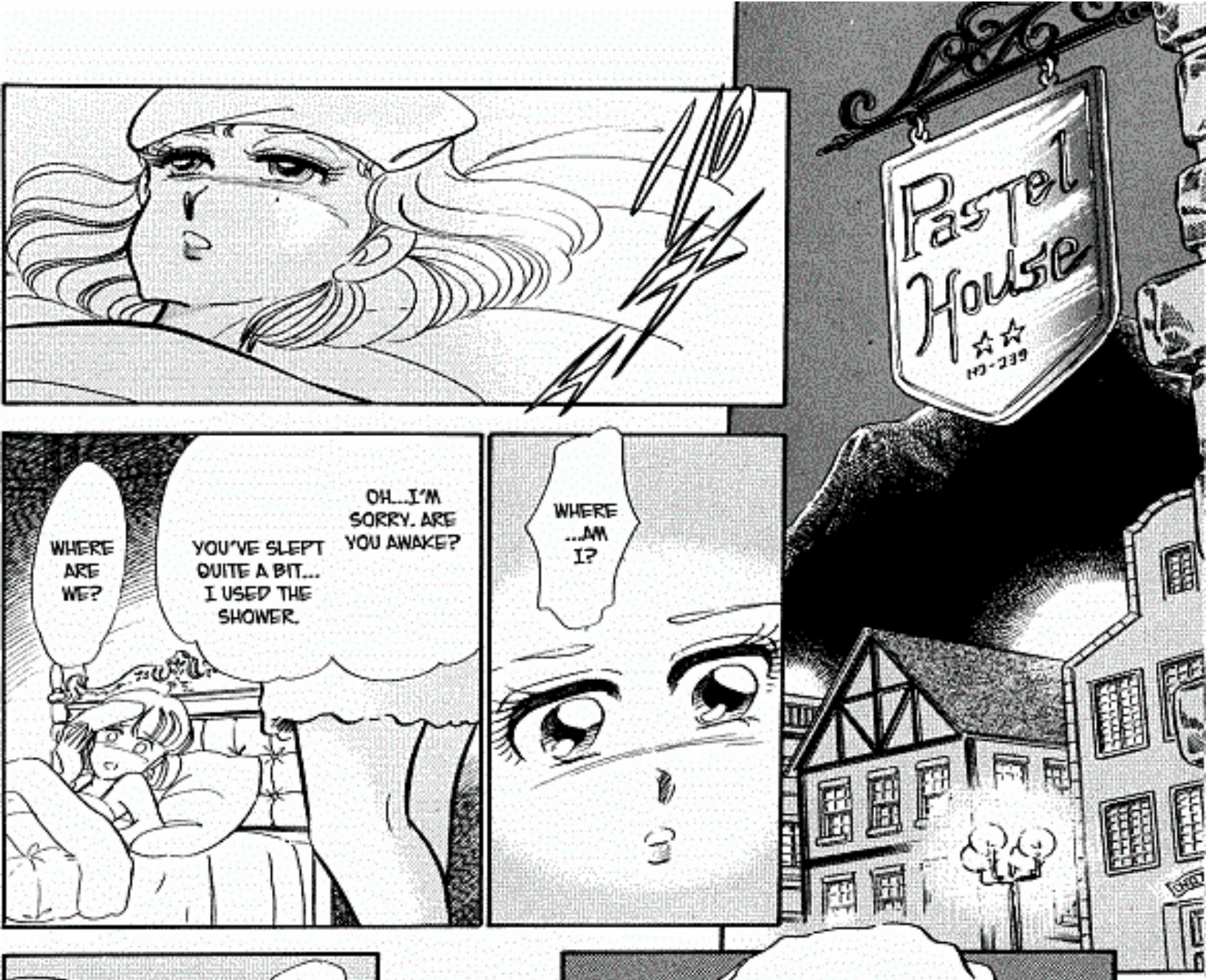

WE DON'T KNOW YET IF IT IS THE FLU...

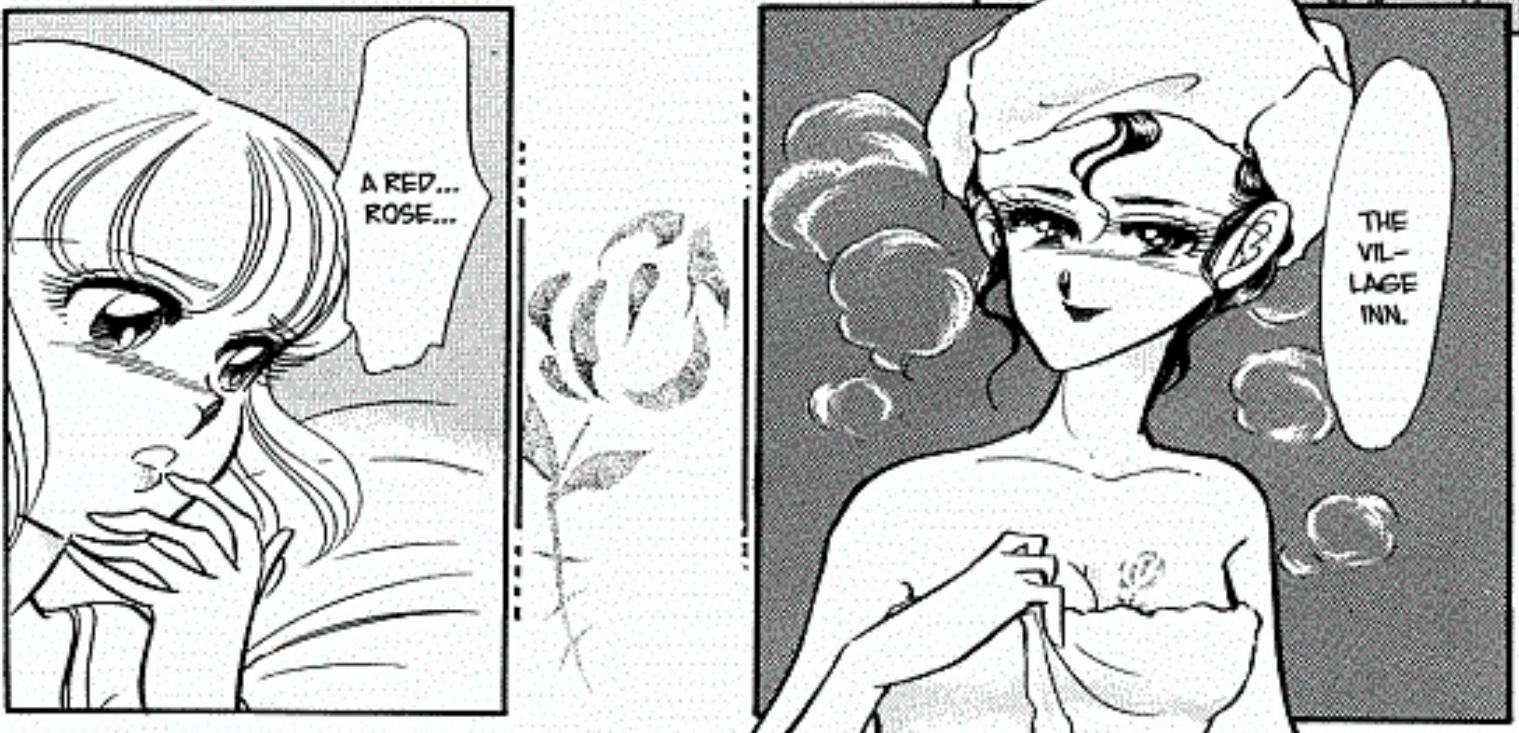
CER-TAINLY...
IT'S DOWN THE HALL ON THE RIGHT.
UM...IS THERE A TELEPHONE I CAN USE SOME-WHERE?
THANK YOU
FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS, KEEP HER WARM AND QUIET AND GIVE HER EASILY DIGESTED FOOD.

LONG DISTANCE, PLEASE.
DUB-LIN 83-2 212
VESTA VILLAGE 6-3351
OKAY, I'LL HANG UP AND WAIT.
I'VE ESTAB-LISHED THE CONNECTION. PLEASE PROCEED.
HELLO!! CAT SERVICE
THIS IS ROSEBANK OF DIVISION M
ON AN OVERSEAS OPERATION.


WHERE IS SHE?
HELGA!!
THE COMMANDER IS SAFE!! WE JUST GOT WORD FROM THE BRANCH OFFICE.
LET'S SEE... A PLACE CALLED VESTA VILLAGE.
IS IT FAR?
THERE!! ABOUT FIFTY KILOMETERS.
AFTER REACHING THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL, IT'S ABOUT FORTY CLICKS SOUTH...
SHE GOT THROWN OFF BY QUITE A BIT.
VESTA
SHE'S AT THE VILLAGE INN. TAKE CARLA AND GO PICK HER UP.
THEN I'LL BE GOING.
WHAT'S THE PHONE NUMBER OF THE INN?

WHAT ABOUT IRENA AND LIN?
C'MON CARLA
RIGHT
VESTA 6-4121 PASTEL HOUSE
APPARENTLY IT'S JUST THE COMMANDER.
UMMM


Pastel House
WHERE ARE WE?
YOU'VE SLEPT QUITE A BIT... I USED THE SHOWER.
OH...I'M SORRY. ARE YOU AWAKE?
WHERE ...AM I?


A RED... ROSE...
THE VIL-LAGE INN.

DO YOU HAVE... SOMETHING LIKE THAT... THERE...
WHY...
A LONG TIME AGO...
TERRORISTS SET OFF AN EXPLOSION IN AN AIRPORT, AND MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED...
THIS...IS THE SCAR...FROM MY WOUNDS THEN.
.....
IF THE TERRORISTS HAD BEEN JUST A LITTLE MORE GENEROUS WITH THE POWDER,
I WOULD BE IN HEAVEN WITH MY BOY AND MY HUSBAND...
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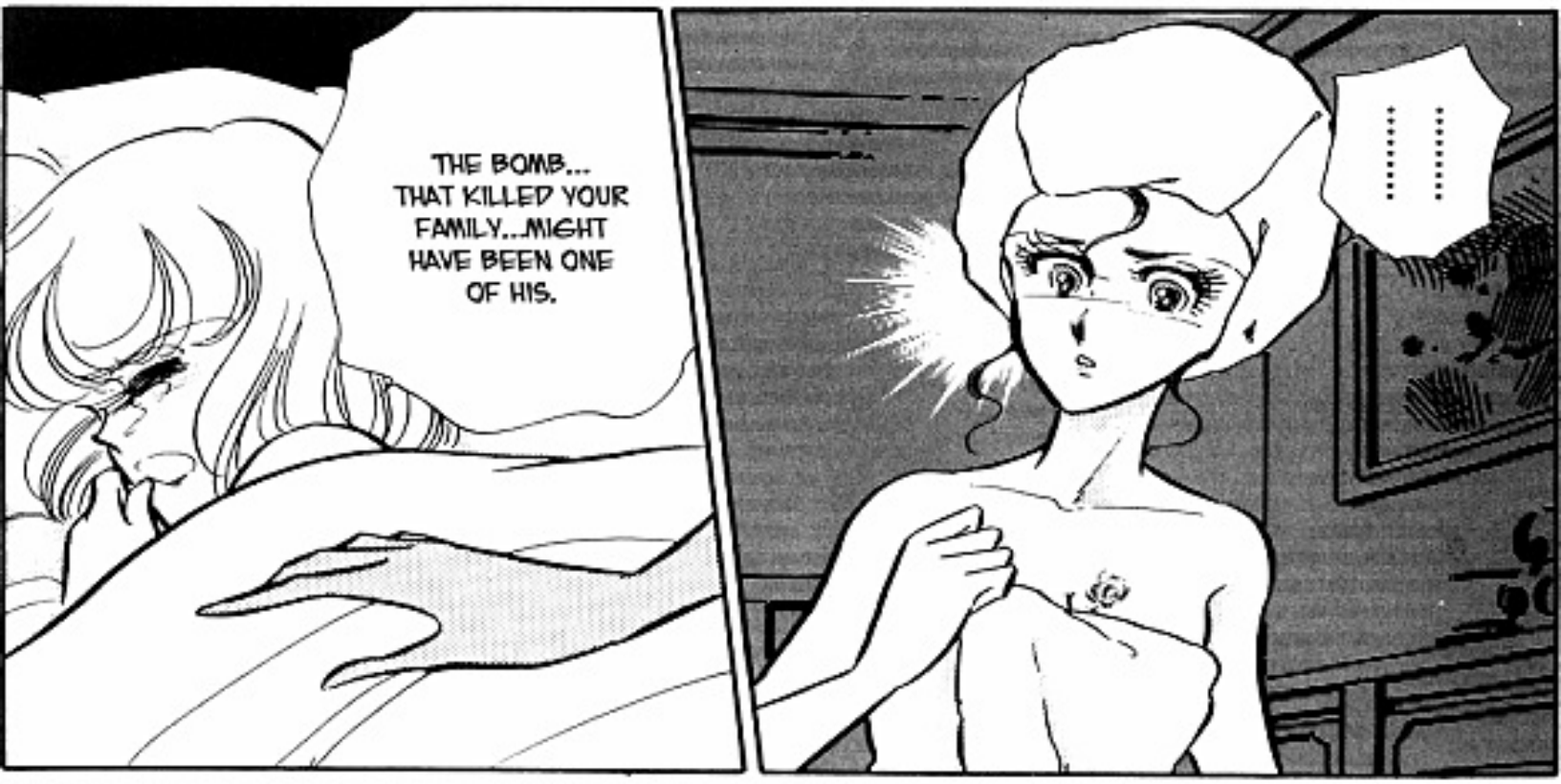
HOW IS YOUR FEVER...
AREN'T YOU HUNGRY? MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE SOME SOUP?
FOR-GIVE ME...
I DON'T THINK AN APOLOGY...WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH...BUT FORGIVE ME...

MY...FATHER... MADE BOMBS FOR TERRORISTS...
HE SAID...HE WANTED A LAB...
YOU STILL HAVE A FEVER...
DON'T TRY TO TALK ANY MORE.
GOOD GIRL
...VERY SOON... FOR SURE...
SOMEHOW I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU...
WHAT IS IT?
YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL, MARIE.
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO APOLO-GIZE FOR...


THE BOMB... THAT KILLED YOUR FAMILY...MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONE OF HIS.
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[File15:アトミック・コネクション(4)　おわり]

砂の薔薇

デザート・ローズ

File 15: Atomic Connection (5)

.....
MARIE
WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
TO KILL THEM!?
I SHOULD PROBABLY GO OUT-SIDE NOW.
DELA WILL BE HERE SOON.
THEM ...?

!
I'LL GET SOMEONE TO PUT SOME WARM TEA IN HERE.
THE FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST IS PROBABLY STILL UP.
10
20
30
40
50
60
70
80
IT'S A BOMB... AN ATOMIC BOMB.
YOU CAN'T PUT TEA IN THAT...
THAT'S A STRANGE THERMOS...IS THIS DIAL A THERMOMETER...?
?

OOF...
AND... AND THEN...
AH
WE HAD A GREAT NIGHT...
DO YOU HAVE... ANYTHING ELSE TO CON-FESS?
AND THEN...
JACK GENTLY TOOK OFF MY UNDER-WEAR.
HE JAMMED HIS HOT YOU-KNOW-WHAT
INTO MY YOU-KNOW-WHERE...

CONFESS!!
IN A GONDOLA AT AN AMUSE-MENT PARK.
HMMM... THERE WAS THAT TIME WITH ANTHONY FROM BALTI-MORE
(sign) confessional
ざんげ室
Shhh?
Ohhh
おお
LIKE THIS.
FIRST...I TOOK HIS MANHOOD IN MY MOUTH...
I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE.
PHEW
OHHH
AHHH
AND THEN WHEN THE GONDOLA CAME DOWN...
WE WERE ALSO RISING TO A CLIMAX
WHILE THE GONDOLA WAS GOING UP
WHAT ARE ALL OF YOU DOING HERE!?
BEHAVE YOUR-SELVES!!

お!! 金網ぎスマッチだ!!
CONFESSION... MEANS REPENTING BEFORE GOD FOR YOUR SINS, SEEKING FORGIVENESS, AND MENDING YOUR WAYS.
A-AND
CALL ME REVEREND MOTHER!!
CONFESSING, CONFESSING.
YOU TOLD ME TO DO IT, DIDN'TYA LADY?
I DID...
THAT TIME WITH PAUL WE WERE SO RUSHED WE ONLY HAD TIME TO DO IT TWICE.
IF I... HAD USED MY HIPS MORE
WE PROBABLY COULD HAVE MADE IT THREE... I BEGGED FORGIVENESS AND PROMISED FROM NOW ON TO USE MORE HIPS.
God-damn!
NO!!
AND AFTER THAT...I...
ANNA LISTED TO THE THIRD THROUGH THE SEVENTH...
THERESA LISTENED TO THE SECOND CONFESSION...
Theresa
SISTER THERESA
I'm sorry, paul.
It was my bad!!
AND...ONLY ONE PERSON NEEDS TO HEAR THE CONFESSION

MMMM
TASTES GOOD...
IT'S READY.
WOAH...
H
H
THE C-CONFES-SIONAL IS CLOSED FOR A WHILE!!

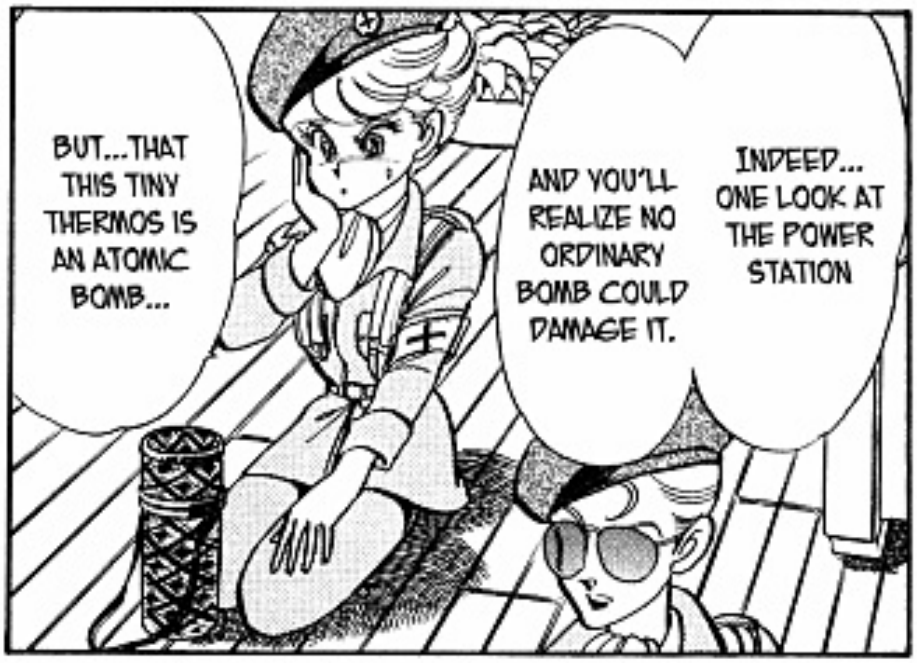
NOW... EAT UP.
Umm...
OH... THANK YOU.
P- PLEASE ...
MILK
THANKS A LOT.
TOROPICA
YOU'LL HELP ME?
Whoaa
I... HELP...

N- NIGHT... C- COLD... HERE...
I'M STEEPED IN WOMANLY BLISS...
AHHH...

BUT IF THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, WE TRY TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
OF COURSE, IT'S BETTER TO STOP THE TERRORISTS BEFORE THEY CAN CARRY OUT THEIR PLANS.
WE ARE WITH A PRIVATE ANTI-TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CALLED CAT.
I UNDERSTAND... WELL ENOUGH... YOU ARE AN EXTRALEGAL ORGANIZATION UNDER THE PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.
I'M NOT SURE EXPLAIN-ING TO A CHILD...
COM-MAND-ER
...CARRY ON...
WE RECEIVE COMMISSIONS FROM GOVERN-MENTS AND COMPANIES TO FIGHT TERRORISM.

SO...THE TERRORISTS TRYING TO DESTROY THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY WITH THE SAME ORGANI-ZATION THAT TOOK MY FATHER.

ALL YOU NEED FOR A BOMB IS A PIECE OF PLUTONIUM THE SIZE OF A RASPBERRY.


BUT...THAT THIS TINY THERMOS IS AN ATOMIC BOMB...
AND YOU'LL REALIZE NO ORDINARY BOMB COULD DAMAGE IT.
INDEED... ONE LOOK AT THE POWER STATION

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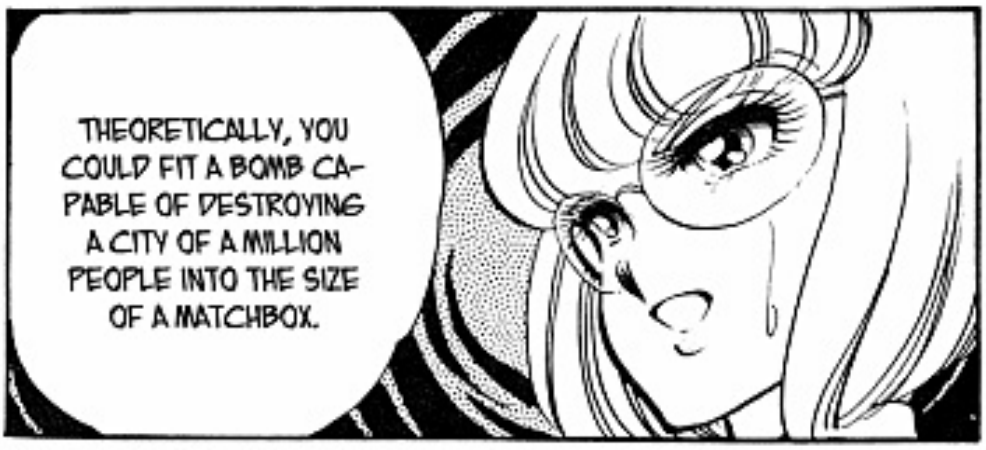
ISOLATED UNTIL YOU WANT IT TO EXPLODE...
THE CHALLENGE IS HOW TO KEEP UNSTABLE NUCLEAR MATERIAL


THEORETICALLY, YOU COULD FIT A BOMB CA-PABLE OF DESTROYING A CITY OF A MILLION PEOPLE INTO THE SIZE OF A MATCHBOX.

SO BLOWING UP A BOMB INSIDE IT WOULDN'T DO ANY DAMAGE OUTSIDE EITHER.
I SEE...THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN WILL PREVENT EVEN A MELTDOWN FROM HAVING ANY EFFECT OUTSIDE THE PLANT...

THE NUMBER ONE THING INSURING THE STABILITY OF THE WORLD HAS BACKFIRED.

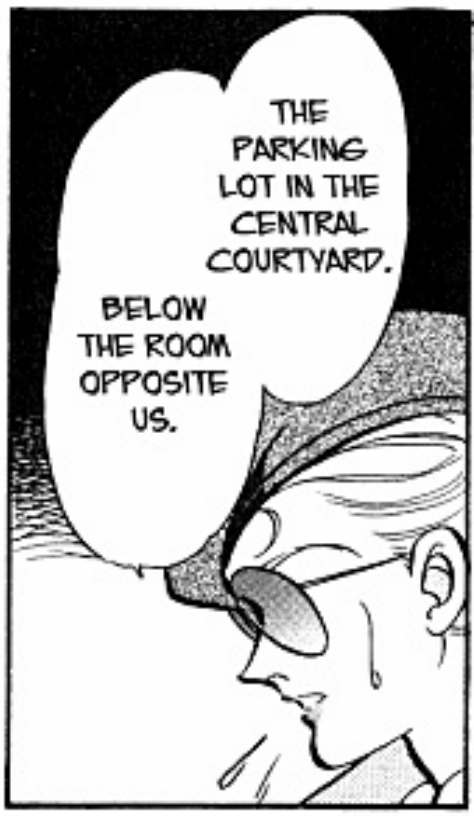
THEY SAID...IF I CAME TO THE VILLAGE... THEY WOULD KNOW.

SO... MARIE
WHERE ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO HAND OVER THE BOMB?
WILL YOUR FATHER...BE THERE THEN?

THE TERRORISTS BELIEVE THAT IF THEY CAN DROP THIS SMALL-SIZED BOMB INTO THE LOWEST BLOCK,
THEY CAN DAMAGE THE POWER PLANT BEYOND REPAIR.

THE TERRORISTS ALREADY KNOW WE'RE HERE.
MEANING...
Well!! Looks like it's Nastoff time.
DELA
THERE WAS A FOOTSTEP IN THE HALL... SOMEONE'S... COMING UP THE STAIRS AS WELL...
SEE...
THE FRONT DESK ISN'T ANSWERING.
AND DOESN'T IT ALSO SEEM LIKE THEY'RE IN A HURRY?
TIED UP...OR KILLED...
BUT A WEIRD STRANGER CAME WITH HER...NATURALLY THEIR FIRST MOVE WOULD BE AGGRESSIVE...
ORIGINALLY ONLY ONE LITTLE GIRL WAS SUPPOSED TO COME.

DELA... WHERE IS THE CAR?
PILED UP AT THE END OF THE HALL.
THERE ARE ABOUT FIVE OF THEM...


THE PARKING LOT IN THE CENTRAL COURTYARD.
BELOW THE ROOM OPPOSITE US.

THE SOUND OF A MACHINE GUN BEING COCKED. THEY'RE COMING!!

HIT AND RUN!!
THERE'S NO ONE STAYING IN THE OPPOSITE ROOM.

ROGER
1
CARLA!! OPEN THE DOOR ON THREE!
2
3

!!
M18
SMOKE
YELLOW

HURRY!!
IT'S JUST A SMOKE BOMB. IT WON'T HURT YOU.
TOO LATE!!
!!

OUT OF THE WAY, CARLA!!
COMMANDER THE CAR IS BELOW THIS WINDOW!!
DELA!! HURRY!!
CLOSE YOUR EYES, MARIE!!

WOAH
THAT'S AN EX-PENSIVE CAR...
DELA!! CARLA!!
HURRY!!

[File15:アトミック・コネクション(5)　おわり]

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第四巻おわり

薔薇へ捧げるラブレター

梶研吾（劇画作家）

まず最初にお断りしておかなければならない。

もとより、解説などという、きちんとしたものが書ける人間ではない。

日々、常軌を逸したといってもおかしくはない妄想を、ああでもない、こうでもないと練り回して、それを拙い文章でかろうじて形にしているだけの人間なのである。

それならば、なぜおまえは、身のほどもわきまえず、本作品の解説なぞを引き受けたのだと叱責されるかもしれない。

理由がある。

とても極端な意見になってしまうのだが、漫画や劇画の原作というものは、映画やテレビにおけるところの脚本や台本に類するものでは、決してない。

一番の違いは、漫画及び劇画の原作は、たった一人の読者のため、つまりは作画を担当する漫画家なり劇画家なりのために書かれる、きわめて個人的な〝私信〟だからである。

もっとわかりやすく、はっきりと言う。

要するに〝ラブレター〟なのだ。

（ちなみに、恋したナマの女性相手に出すそれとは、根本的に違うものであります。蛇足ですが、念のため）

原作者とは、日々、ラブレターを書き続けるという、ある意味ものすごくハッピーで、それでいて常に真剣さと真摯さを要求される、異様なまでにハイテンションな職業なのである。

したがって、もっともらしい解説は書けないが、ラブレターならかろうじて書ける。

ラブレター、すなわち〝思い〟を綴ることだ。

〝思い〟なら、下手は下手なりに、必死に伝えられる。

そして、『砂の薔薇』には、そのキャラクター、その物語、そのディティール、その構成等々、どれ一つとっても、簡単には語り尽くせないほどの魅力が詰まりまくっている。

それだけに、強い緊張と激しい興奮がある。

やや支離滅裂になってしまうかもしれないが、相手が絶世の美女（それも複数なんですぜ！）ということで、なんとかお赦し願いたい。

勝てる。

いや、明らかに勝っている。

『砂の薔薇』を読んだ時、まず象徴的に浮かんできたのが、その思いだ。

何に勝てる、勝っていると思ったのか。

それは小説にであり、それは映画にであり、それは音楽にである。

日本の小説や映画や音楽、その中でもエンターテインメントにカテゴライズされるものに関する限り、世界的に通用し、認識されている作品は、未だに数えるほどしかない。

今すぐパッと考えてみていただきたい。

小説は、国際語ではない日本語で表現されているというハンデがあるとはいえ、ほとんど皆無ではないだろうか。

映画は、二千年を迎えた今なお、黒澤、小津、溝口といった偉人達のみが語られ、音楽は坂本龍一の栄光でストップしたままだ。

そんなお寒い状況にあって、唯一、漫画及び劇画だけが、世界のエンターテインメント業界の中で、炎を噴き上げ、マグマを飛び散らせ、活火山状態であり続けている。

そして、世界の人々に見せても、十分に通用する作品は数多いが、『砂の薔薇』は間違いなく、そのトップクラスにランクされるべき傑作である。

まず、設定のシンプルさがよい。

爆弾テロで最愛の夫と子供を同時に失った美女が、対テロ専門の傭兵集団の指揮官となって甦り、テロリスト達の壊滅に復讐の炎を燃やす。

彼女の胸には、忌まわしい爆発で刻み付けられた薔薇の形の傷痕があり、指揮するチームの名称は〝C・A・T〟、優秀な隊員達は全員が個性豊かな美女揃い。

これはもう、本当にお見事という他はない設定だ。

誤解のないように言い添えておく。

設定が明解であることを侮蔑する識者もいるが、そういう偉そうな意見を吐く連中のほうが、実は読者のことを見下しているのだ。

一撃で読者の心の中でキャラクターが起つこと、一発で物語の芯が読者の胸に突き刺さること。

そのパワーを持たぬ作品など、とうてい世界を相手にできはしないのだ。

同時に、最も重要なキャラクターの行動原理と、彼女達のバックボーンに聞こえる熱いテーマが、またよい。

たとえば、本編中の以下のセリフ。

「どんなテロリズムにも、正当な理由なんて存在しないわよ。テロを正当化できる理屈があるのなら、犯罪は全て正当化できるのよ」

「議員はイキがって、テロリストと闘うと拳を振り上げても、自分たちで銃を取ることはないのよね」

「そして犠牲になるのはいつも市民……」

言葉から、一市民としての、自らも読者側の代表としての、作者の強いメッセージがストレートに響いてくる。

そのストレートさも、読者と感情をシンクロさせるためには、とても大切なことなのだ。

行動に明確なテーマを抱いていないキャラクターは、少なくともエンターテインメントの世界ではお呼びではない。

それから、画と物語、双方におけるディティールの素晴らしさも記しておく必要がある。

新谷かおるの画の流麗さと巧緻さに関しては、今さら三文原作者風情が口を出すまでもないのだが、これは〝ラブレター〟ゆえ、あえて書いてしまう。

どの頁をめくっても、女性キャラクターが美しく、可愛く、艶っぽく、カッコイイのだ。

そして、それぞれが、きちんとそのキャラクターなりの、個別の輝きを放っている。

さらには、どのコマにおいても、ただの一人も〝遊んでいる〟キャラクターがいない。

全員が、きっちりと〝芝居している〟のだ。

当り前のように思えるかもしれないが、意外とこれらをしっかり押さえている作品は少なく、なかなかに凄いことだと思う。

むろん、キャラクターだけにとどまらない。

周知の通り、メカを描く新谷かおるのペン先には、よりいっそう気合が入り、愛情が注ぎ込まれている気がする。

銃器、自動車、軍用ヘリ、戦闘機、戦車、エトセトラ。
どれもが、職人芸ともいえる的確さでもって、実に活き活きと描写されている。
その誠意がまた、キャラクターを起(た)てることに、相乗効果的に一役買っているのだ。
物語内のディティールの話は、ネタバレになってしまう危険性が高いので、残念ながら詳しくは書けない。
だが、一つだけ、以下のやりとりを抜き出させてもらおう。
「こりゃ…恐れ入った。カンでわかるのかなと思ったが、ちゃんと理論があるんだ」
「カンというのは、普段からの理論と経験がなくては、働かないものです」
このキャラクターの言葉をヒントに拝借するなら、本編自体も、徹底して吟味された知識と、新谷かおるという才能も経験も豊富すぎるクリエイターによって、世界に通用する一級品のエンターテインメントに仕上げられている。
やはり、この作品は、世界に勝てるし、勝っている。
いささか勇ましいが、『砂の薔薇』に捧げるラブレターの中で、これが最高最大にふさわしい愛情表現だと思う。

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